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The illustration which we present herewith represents a power punching press, geared and designed for a wide range of work. Presses of this description are largely employed in almost all kinds of metal manufacturing, and punching or stamping takes the place in many cases of forging, planing, filing and drilling. The point of advantage of this press is a perfect stop motion, which leaves the punch always at the top of the stroke when the press stops. This improvement enables the press to be run at a high rate of speed, since the operator may have all the time necessary between the strokes, and yet have the press deliver a rapid blow. This automatic stop is a contrivance by which the wheel is disconnected from the shaft at a certain point after one revolution is performed. The adjustment of the punch is another point absolutely necessary for the best work. Screws have been used, but in heavy work the strain upon the thread is too great. In the Stiles & Parker presses this is done by means of an eccentric readily adjusted, and then held in place by set screws to prevent moving. The frame of the machine is solid, and so arranged that very heavy work may be done. The slides are very long, giving a very firm bearing, and preventing the strain from getting the punch out of line. Messrs. W. L. Chase & Co., 95 and 97 Liberty street, are the agents for these presses, which are manufactured by the Stiles & Parker Press Company, of Middletown, Ct.

The Construction and Management of Roll Trains for the Manufacture of Heavy Bars, Rails and Girders.

BY WILLIAM HEWITT, M. E.

PART I.—General Remarks.

The increasing demand for large masses of iron for building purposes, especially for the heavy armor plates which are now used largely in ship building, has recently attracted a great deal of attention from engineers and iron manufacturers to the appliances now in use for producing and handling the heavy masses required, which often exceed 15 and sometimes even 20 tons in weight.

Formerly, heavy work of this description was executed entirely by forging under the hammer; and, in fact, we might go back to the time when all work in wrought iron was executed in this way, but as it obviously required very simple apparatus, and a limited number of workmen, it was, therefore, a very slow and expensive method. When the puddling process came to supersede the older methods of refining the pig metal, the great increase of yield effected thereby demanded a more expeditious method of drawing out the bloom into the finished bar or sheet. This was effected by the rolling mill, which was invented by Mr. Henry Cort, of Gosport, England, and patented in 1784. Mr. Cort is also the inventor of the puddling process, and we are not surprised that both of these inventions should have been made by the same person and at the same time, when we consider that the one was essential to the success of the other. Indeed, the puddling process and rolling mill should be considered as one great invention, and it is material to observe that Cort, in his specification, speaks of the rollers, furnaces and separate processes, as well known. There is no claim to any of them separately; the claim is "for the reducing of the faggots of piled iron into bars, and the welding of such bars by rollers, instead of by forge hammers." (Memoir of Henry Cort, *Mechanic's Magazine*, July 15, 1859). "Mr. Cort expended a fortune of upward of \$100,000 in perfecting his inventions for puddling iron and rolling it into bars and plates; he was robbed of the fruit of his inventions by the villany of officials in a high department of the government, and was ultimately left to starve by the apathy and selfishness of his ungrateful country." (*Mechanic's Magazine*, Dec. 8, 15 and 22, 1855. Paper by David Mushet).

The illustrious James Watt, writing to Dr. Black in 1784, as to the iron produced by Cort's process, said: "Though I cannot perfectly agree with you as to its goodness, yet there is much ingenuity in forming bars in that manner, which is the only part of his process which has any pretensions to novelty." * * * Mr. Cort has, as you observe, been most liberally treated by the trade; they are ignorant brutes; but he exposed himself to it by showing them the process before it was perfect, and they seeing his ignorance of the common operations of making iron, laughed at and despised him; yet they will contrive, by some dirty evasion, to use his process, or such parts as they like, without acknowledging him in it." The mill in which Cort experimented with and perfected his inventions has become historical. It was destroyed by a flood during Cort's lifetime, but will ever be remembered as "the little mill at Fontley."

The rolling mill was at first used only for producing light merchant bar iron, and was

found quite efficient for that class of work, but as the bar was only reduced in one direction, and after passing through a groove had to be returned over the top roll, then turned over so as to avoid finning in the succeeding pass, a considerable loss of time and labor was experienced, which prevented its extension to other classes of work. When it was attempted to produce very light work by this process, such as the fine wire rods which are now rolled with such celerity and precision, the loss of time was of vital consequence, and became a very serious objection, as the rapid cooling of the rod necessitated fast rolling. The labor, however, in this case, was immaterial, but when the application of the process was extended to the manufacture of rails, beams and armor plates, this became such a serious objection that other systems were sought for by which the work could be accomplished with greater celerity and less labor. A great many systems have been invented for effecting this purpose, and several have been tried, but only three of these have come into extensive use, and may be recognized as standard. These three are, the "three high mill," generally adopted in this country; the

"reversing mill," which has become the common mill of England, and the "universal mill," which has been adopted with great success in France, and has met with considerable favor in other countries.

As to which of these systems is the best the opinions of men justly differ, for each possesses advantages which the others do not, and it is yet to be ascertained which is the most efficient and economical. The efficiency may be determined by the ordinary methods of calculating the efficiency of machines, given by Rankine and others, but as direct experiment is more convincing and satisfactory than the conclusions of calculation, it seems to us that it would be advisable for some of our iron and steel associations to give each of these and other systems a fair trial, and so decide the question in a way that admits of no discussion. We have had trials of almost every kind of boiler and steam engine, but none at all of any kind of rolling mill that we are aware of, and we are disposed to believe that the questions connected with the construction of the

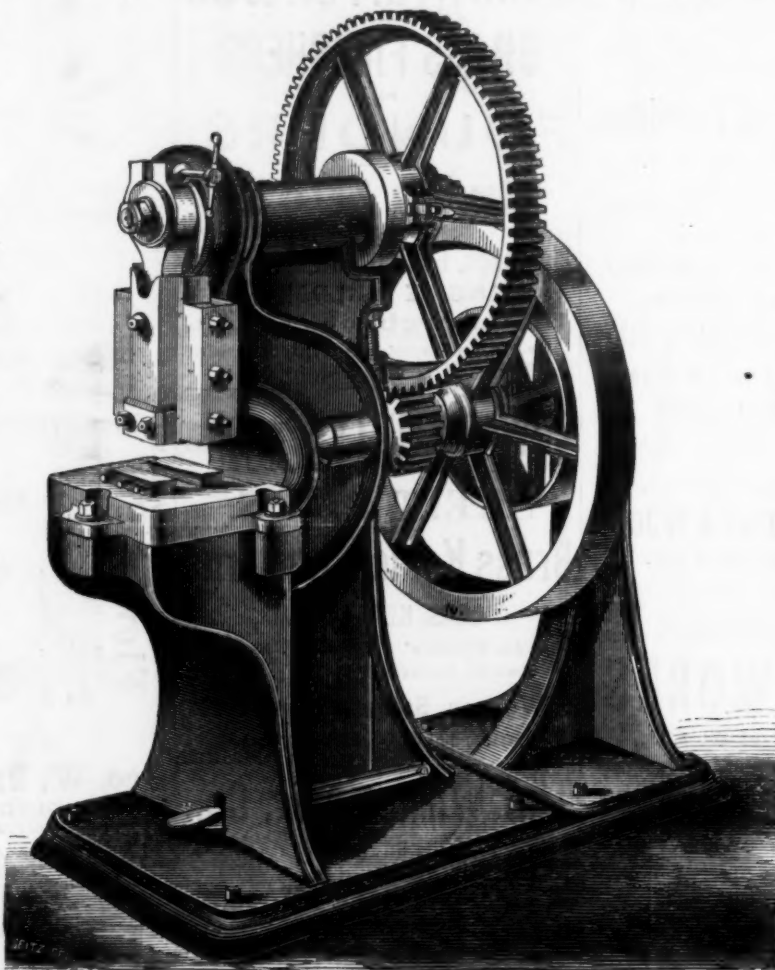
class of machinery under consideration have not received sufficient attention at the hands of really competent engineers. The nature of the work to be performed is perfectly understood. It presents none but simple problems, and apparently there is no reason why any peculiar difficulties should be encountered in the construction of apparatus intended to perform a straightforward operation, involving little more than the application of considerable power. That the work to be performed is heavy, is certain. But mere weight of work will not suffice for the frequent recurrence of failures in the machinery performing it. The reason may possibly be found in the fact that iron manufacturers are not usually engineers, and the actual execution of engineering work to be done in their establishments too often devolves upon incompetent men. But the construction of rolling mill machinery has now become a specialty with many firms possessing the skill, experience and plant requisite to the production of first-class work, so that inferior workmanship and bad material is no longer an excuse for such failures.

Speaking in general terms, engines give comparatively little trouble, and we are disposed to believe that steam machinery in the iron districts possesses a uniform efficiency quite equal to that existing in other situations. Rolls are not unfrequently cracked at the necks; not often enough, however, to cause serious trouble. Housings seldom give way; they are usually the strongest part of the complete apparatus. It is in the proportions and design of spur gearing that the principal element of weakness is to be found.

The degree of perfection originally imparted to machinery is seldom regained if once lost, and wheels which, while new and when properly set to work, may suffice for the purpose to

which they are put, when worn or improperly fitted may be quite incompetent to discharge their duties. Designers sometimes purposely render that portion of a machine which can be replaced with most ease the weakest. All things considered, it is perhaps best that if something must give way it should neither be a roll nor a housing. Certain parts of the mechanism, therefore, are so constructed that in the event of a cold bar finding its way between the rolls they will break. But the expedient is rude and unsatisfactory. A "shear-disc" or coupling plate answers a far better purpose.

At the present moment there is no such thing in existence as a thoroughly good treatise on rolling mill machinery. On the chemical changes wrought in smelting and puddling furnaces, on the character of ores and the mechanical properties possessed by the finished product, have apparently been concentrated all the energies of those who have made iron and steel their special study; while details of the machinery employed in the rolling mill have been passed over with very little notice. All that can be learned about the subject from



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books is embodied in a few desultory chapters, and certain sets of engravings which, however admirable as drawings, only represent, after all, indifferent practice. The mathematical principles which determine the best forms and proportions to be imparted to the different parts of the mechanism have been almost entirely ignored. The best literature on the subject is to be found scattered in the engineering periodicals of the day.

The general character of rolling mill machinery, although it is still far from what it ought to be, has indeed undergone a radical change during the past four or five years. The improvement is very perceptible when we recollect that such a short time ago its comparative rudeness and inefficiency, and we look forward to the time when a complete revolution will be effected in this class of machinery.

One of the recent improvements, and probably the greatest yet made in the general arrangement of rolling mills, is the application of independent and direct acting steam engines, not only to the different trains of rolls, but in many cases to the other machines, such as saws, punches and shears, and thus doing away with the great quantity of heavy gearing which was formerly employed in rolling mills for multiplying speed, and which often absorbed one-half of the whole power developed, and represented half of the capital invested in the plant of the mill. That gearing should have been used at all, lies in the fact that until a few years back, slow moving engines of great size were alone employed to drive sheet and rail trains. These engines had a long stroke, and ran at a speed that was too slow for any but blooming rolls, so that gearing was a necessity:

"They were used to drive two, four, and sometimes six trains of rolls, and all the supplementary machines. The strains and shocks due to multiply-

ing speed, and to the back-lash and last motion of numerous connections, induced breakdowns and heavy repairs. The whole complex establishment had to be run at a maximum speed to drive a single machine, and in case of a disaster to one part, the whole mill was stopped. In the modern system the engine shaft is coupled directly to the roll train. There are the fewest parts, the least lost motion, and the greatest smoothness of running, and there is the highest economy of room, especially where the vertical engine is employed. When a particular train is lying still, its engine and all its connections lie still for cleaning, adjustment and lubrication.

"But this is not all. Steamship men were long enough in finding out, and rolling mill men were longer, that high speed of piston is a grand element in steam engine economy. Just as the lumbering and wasteful paddle engine of old times has given place to the compact, high speed screw engine of the present day, so has the rolling mill practice been changed. Instead of 6 foot stroke, 25 revolutions, and 300 feet per minute piston speed, we now see 5 foot stroke, 60 revolutions, and 600 feet per minute; 180 to 250 revolutions are made by the direct engines of small merchant bar trains."—(*Engineering*, April 24, 1874).

Rolling mill engines, considered in detail, would furnish subject matter for a separate paper, and we cannot very well further refer to them without wandering from our subject.

Japanese Railroads.

In the report of the British Consulate for Hiogo and Osaka for 1874, dated June 16, 1875, we find the following passages: The railway from Kobe to Osaka (30½ miles) was opened for passenger traffic on the 11th of May, 1874, so that the line has not yet been a year in operation. Parcels and goods have been carried for shorter periods, and the receipts show a steady increase, amounting by the latest published returns to about £50 per mile per week. The competition by steamers, for passengers especially, with the rail road between Kobe and Osaka is rapidly declining according as the people of the country become more sensible of the advantages of time and punctuality. The line is worked with great credit to the Japanese and all concerned, and no accident causing injury to a single passenger has occurred since it was opened. Most of the subordinate officials are Japanese. The engine drivers, but not the firemen and foreman plate layers, are foreigners. The works of the line, which include large river bridges, three short tunnels and some heavy earthwork, appear to have been constructed with care and solidity.

They are reported to have withstood the action of heavy floods last year without injury or interruption of the traffic. From Osaka to Kiyoto (27 miles) the works begun last year are now in active progress, and it is believed that notwithstanding the large number of rivers to be bridged over, there is a fair prospect of the line being opened up to Kiyoto during the year 1876. With the object of connecting the port of Tsuruga on the north coast with Kobe and the Bay of Osaka, surveys have been made and the proposed line of railway marked out round the eastern side of Biwa Lake from Kiyoto and Otsu to Siletsau and Tsuruga. I am also informed that further surveys are in progress from the lake toward the interior, with the view eventually to the gaining of Kiyoto and Tokio by a central trunk line, which will open up largely tracts of country now sorely in need of improved means of communication. Traffic of Kobe and Osaka line from May 11, to December 31, 1874: Number of passengers, 505,733; receipts for same, \$135,440; parcels and luggage, number of parcels, 15,771; receipts for same, \$3118. Goods, weight, piculs, 1981; amounts for same, \$233; total receipts, \$138,701. This railway was opened for passenger traffic on the 11th May, 1874, and for goods on the 1st of December, same year.

Man as Compared with the Steam Engine.—The useful effect of steam is not far from 10 per cent. of the theoretic value of the coal consumed in its production, while careful estimates fix the efficiency of the human person—which is nothing more nor less than a machine—at about 23 per cent. of the value of the food consumed. The human machine, then, is greatly superior, in its efficiency, to the steam engine, giving out more than twice the percentage of work; but it is vastly more costly. Ac-

cording to an elaborate estimate made by M. de Saint Robert, recently published in the *Revue Scientifique*, of work performed by a man, it would be necessary to employ eight men to obtain one horse-power. Estimating the cost of coal at \$10 per ton, and the wages of a man at the very low rate of 40 cents per day, the expense of this amount of power (one horse-power) for a day of eight hours would be about 10 cents for the steam engine and \$3.20 for its equivalent of eight men.

Pacific Mail Steamship City of New York.

The new iron steamship, City of New York, built at John Roach & Son's yard, Chester, Pa., reached her pier on the morning of the 17th. Her keel was laid November 10th, 1874, and she would have been ready for service two months ago if it had not been for alterations ordered during construction. She is 353 feet long by 40½ feet wide, with a depth of 39½ feet from the hurricane deck and 31 feet from the spar deck. Except in the designs of the forward cabin on the main deck, she is exactly like the City of San Francisco. She is of 3750 tons burden, is barque rigged, and spreads 17,000 square feet of canvas.

The City of New York left Chester Saturday, at 10 A. M., on her trial trip. She went out to sea far enough to test her machinery to the perfect satisfaction of the builder and the representatives of the owners. She steamed altogether about 500 miles. She drew 10 feet of water aft post, and 19 feet at the bow. The highest speed attained was 14½ miles per hour, and the maximum number of propeller revolutions 46 per minute. The guests were principally relatives and friends of Mr. Roach, and Mr. Faron and Mr. Rowland, together with certain gentlemen representing the Pacific Mail Company.

The City of New York was designed by Mr. Edward Faron. The joiner work by Mr. W. Rowland. She is provided with ten metallic life-boats whose aggregate carrying capacity is for three hundred and fifty persons, and with life-rafts which will carry five hundred persons. The dining saloon is most sumptuously furnished, and is 30 feet long by 40 feet wide.

The machinery proper consists of a pair of compound engines fitted with a surface condenser and six boilers, and with separate engines for working the air and circulating pumps, and also the feed and bilge pumps. The high pressure cylinder is 51 inches in diameter, and the low pressure 88, each having a stroke of five feet. This plan has the great practical value of rendering impossible any breakage of the pump gear from the "racing" of the propeller engines in heavy weather—it insures always the regular and easy operation of the pumps. The six boilers are cylindrical in form and measure 13½ ft. in diameter by 10½ ft. long, tested for a working pressure of 90 lbs. per square inch. There are three furnaces in each boiler, and the amount of grate surface in all the boilers is 380 square feet, and the entire heating surface is 12,000 square feet. The propeller is of the Hirsch patent, and has a diameter of 20 feet with a pitch of 25 feet. The shaft is 120 feet long by 16 inches in diameter. The maximum performance of the engine will be 65 to 70 revolutions per minute, with a speed of vessel in good weather of fifteen to sixteen knots per hour when the machinery shall have run six months or so. In case of accident serious enough to require it, the air and circulating pumps can be used as bilge pumps to clear the ship of water. These are, in addition, the two No. 8 donkey pumps specially provided in case of leakage or fire. On the main engine there are two large bilge pumps, arranged to be connected or disconnected at will. On the pumping engines are four bilge pumps, and in addition to these the air circulating pumps can, at a moment's notice, be converted into bilge pumps also. Other bilge pumps of large capacity can be driven by the hoisting engines when it may be necessary. The aggregate power of all the pumps to free the ship of water, is 100,000 gallons, or 357 tons, per minute. There are seven bulkheads which divide the steamship into eight absolutely water-tight compartments. It will thus be understood that every possible precaution against sinking, as a consequence of collision or otherwise, has been taken.

The City of New York, City of San Francisco and City of Sydney were all built by Mr. Roach, at the price at which a Clyde builder offered to construct them for; so that if they had been foreign they could not have been cheaper—and they certainly would not have been better. The Bureau Veritas, regards these three steamships as the most perfect yet built for passenger and freight business.

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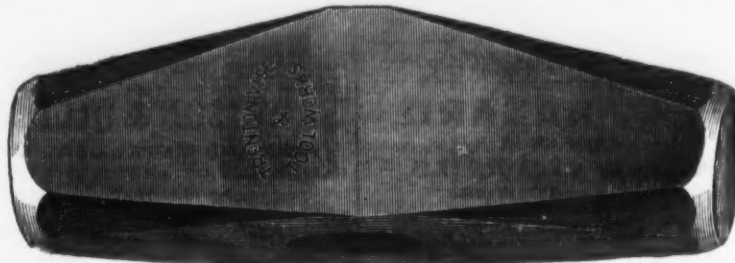
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Art Castings in Bronze.

Mr. J. M. Chase, in a paper on bronze found-
ing, in the *American Engineer*, says:

The art of casting in bronze is of such an-
tiquity that its origin has never been traced. It
must have been practiced in the earliest historic
times, as bronze castings have been found in
Egypt thought to be 4000 years old, and seems
to have been first confined to works of art and
ornamental articles, such as statues, medals
and parts of household furniture. It is an in-
teresting fact that an analysis of the bronze
castings discovered in the excavations of
Nineveh, prove them to contain about the
same proportions of copper and tin that are
now employed in the best quality of statuary
bronze.

There can be little doubt that many of the
articles made by the Tyrian master, Hiram, for
Solomon's temple, were cast of bronze. "For
he cast two pillars of brass, of eighteen cubits
high apiece." "And he made two chapters
of molten brass, to set upon the tops of the
pillars." "In the plain of Jordan did the king
cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth
and Zathian." 1 Kings, vii. There is here un-
mistakable evidence of the metal employed, as
well as the materials for the molds in which
they were cast. The figure of a lion found in
excavations in the palace of Khorsabad proves
the Assyrians to have attained a high degree
of excellence in the art, and it is probable some
of the bronze castings found in the ruins of
Nineveh existed anterior to Solomon's temple,
but it remained for those masters in the arts
amongst the ancients, the Greeks, to fashion
bronze in forms of transcendent beauty. Fine
works of Grecian art in bronze were made as
early as the 7th century B. C., but it was a
much later period when the zenith in the art
was attained in Greece. The colossal statue of
Apollo at Rhodes, made by Chares, a pupil of
Lysippos, who flourished about 300 B. C., may
be mentioned as an example of the magnitude
to which the ancient Greeks were able to carry
their works. This bronze statue was more than
105 feet high, and was situated at the entrance
of the harbor, and employed as a beacon for
mariners. Like modern statues, it must have
been made in several pieces and afterward
fastened together. The fragments of this
statue when destroyed by an earthquake 50
years after its erection, lay on the ground 923
years, when they were sold by the Saracens to
a Jew of Emesa, who loaded 900 camels with
them.

The Japanese were among the ancient people
in Asia, who skillfully practiced the art, and
they retain at the present day a reputation for
admirable design and finish in their objects of
bronze. The art existed among the Floren-
tines of the 16th century, and in France in
the 17th century, when the brothers Keller
sent their masterpieces to Versailles; after
which period it appears to have become lost,
in Europe at least, and remained in obscurity
until the elder Gonon, of France, began his
long and laborious researches, which, with the
aid of his son, have been brought to a very suc-
cessful termination. Within a comparatively
recent period our own country has made rapid
and creditable progress in the art of bronze
founding, especially in large castings, as statues,
etc. In the manufacture of large bronze castings
the process does not very materially differ from
the ordinary method of molding. The model
is lined off in sections, to facilitate the molding,
and a plaster pattern is made of each section;
these patterns are employed to obtain dupli-
cates in metal. The metal sections are nicely
jointed, and secured together with screws,
through lugs provided for the purpose. The
danger of fracture, by the shrinkage of the
casting in cooling, is also an incentive to make
the object in sections.

In the manufacture of the fine, delicate, and
intricate works of art in bronze, those designed
for parlor ornaments, etc., a totally different
method of procedure from the ordinary process
of molding is employed, and it is to this method
that special reference is here directed. The
principal features of the operation as practiced
by the Gonons, are the employment of an elastic
mold for obtaining a wax model, and the subse-
quent molding of the wax model in prepared
earth. The object to be reproduced in bronze
can be sculptured directly in the wax; this is
frequently done; some of the handsomest de-
signs and most unique specimens have been
made from models thus formed. But this
method involves the risk of the failure to ob-
tain a perfect casting; in which event the labor
of the sculptor, which is one of the most im-
portant parts of the whole process, is also lost.
When the object is to be duplicated, and hollow
castings are desired, it is generally first modeled
in plaster, and coated with a preparation to fill
the pores. A plaster cope is made to cover the
model; this cope parts in halves or more pieces
as the exigencies of the case may require. The
inner surface of the cope is kept a little dis-
tance from the model, and into the space thus
intervening is poured compound gelatine, which
possesses the property of not being affected by
the air. This part of the operation requires
skill and special precautions, as much of the
success of the reproduction of the model with
fidelity devolves upon it. When the gelatine
has acquired the proper consistency, the cope is
removed. The gelatine is then cut with a fine
knife into as many parts as may be necessary
to free it from the overlappings and indentations
of the model. It is then taken from the model,
which it leaves like a cloth, and placed again in
the plaster cope which sustains it in its proper
shape. The hollow gelatine mold thus obtained
is slightly greased, and into it liquid wax is
rapidly poured, which coagulates on the cold
sides of the mold.

To obtain sharpness of outlines, this part of
the operation requires to be conducted with the
utmost celerity. More wax is afterward intro-
duced to regulate the thickness which the cast-

ing is intended to possess. A core made of the
material, of which the mold for the casting is
made, and conforming to the shape of the in-
side of the hollow wax model which has been
obtained, is placed within the model. A very
little soft wax is placed on the edges of the
model, so as to leave no trace of a separation
between them, and the parts are then quickly
put together.

The wax model, stripped of its plaster cope
and gelatine mold, represents with perfect fidel-
ity the model to be reproduced. When the
wax model has been touched up and well ver-
ified, the sprues and gates, or channels through
which the molten metal is to flow into the
mold, and the air holes, or vents, for the exit of
the gases generated by the metal, all of which
are also made of wax, are posted; the chan-
nels always being arranged so as to conduct the
metal to the base of the mold. The object is
generally inverted in casting.

The materials for the mold are prepared
earthy ground very fine so as to obtain a per-
fect imprint. The mold is very rapidly made
and placed quite wet into an oven. This mass
without jointure is heated without fracture;
the wax becomes liquid and runs out through a
small opening provided for it, and leaving in the
mold an empty space which rigorously pre-
serves the form the wax had taken. The mold
is further heated to a high temperature, not
only to burn out the greasy matter which, with
the wax, had penetrated the earth, but also to
give to the mold the proper consistency, poros-
ity, and other qualities necessary to contract
under the action of the metal during the cooling
process.

The exact proportions, and the method of
the mixture of the ingredients of the mold to
obtain the best results, as well as many other
points in the process, are those arts of trade
the secrecy of which is guarded with un-
feigned jealousy by those possessing them.
They are passed from generation to generation
to those in the art, or may be acquired, as with
the Gonons, by experimental research. The
principal requisites, however, are apparent to
foundry men.

Considerable skill and experience are required
for the proper manipulation of the mold, the
delicacy of the wax pattern imperatively pre-
cluding the ordinary method of the construc-
tion of molds for castings.

The Gonons, the famous bronze founders of
France, are to be credited with the revival of
this beautiful art, and with having brought it
to a degree of perfection not heretofore at-
tained. Some of their productions are marvels
of the art in design and finish. At the great
exposition in Paris they contributed a nest of
fauvets in a branch of hieac in flower, cast in
one piece, which was rewarded with a gold
medal. M. Gonon has since exhibited to the
"Society for the Encouragement of Art" a
casting representing a nest attacked by a bird
of prey at the moment when the branch on
which it reposes has been broken by a storm.
The details of branches, foliage, plumage, and
the smallest accessories, have been made in a
single casting, with all the polish of the highest
finished model; and the subject just issued from
the mold, and still retaining the gates and
vents, showed that no retouch had been given
it. The model was sculptured directly in the
wax.

The Great Bells of the World.

The great bell at Moscow, called the Tsar
Kolokol, or King of Bells, is the largest in the
world. It is 19 feet 3 inches high, and meas-
ures around its margin 60 feet 9 inches. It
is estimated to weigh 443,772 pounds, and the
metal in it is valued at more than \$300,000.
The bells of China rank next in size to those
of Russia, but are much inferior to them in form
and tone. In Pekin, it is stated by Father Le
Compte, there are seven bells, each weighing
120,000 pounds. One in the suburbs of the
city is, according to the testimony of many
travelers, the largest suspended bell in the
world. It is hung near the ground, in a large
pavilion, and, to ring it, a huge beam is swung
against its side. A bell taken from the Daon
pagoda at Rangoon was valued at \$80,000.
Among the bells recently cast for the new
houses of parliament, the largest weighs 14
tons. The next largest bell in England was
cast in 1845 for York Minster, and weighs
37,000 pounds, and is 7 feet 7 inches in di-
ameter. The great Tom of Oxford weighs
17,000 pounds, and the great Tom of Lincoln 12-
000 pounds. The bell of St. Paul's in London is
9 feet in diameter, and weighs 11,500 pounds.
One placed in the Cathedral of Paris, in 1680,
weighs 38,000 pounds. One in Vienna, cast in
1711, weighs 40,000 pounds; and in Olmutz is
another weighing about the same. The fa-
mous bell called Susanne of Erfurt is considered
to be of the finest bell metal, containing the
largest proportion of silver; its weight is about
30,000 pounds; it was cast in 1497. At Mon-
treuil, Canada, is a larger bell than any in En-
gland, weighing 23,400 pounds; it was imported
in 1843 for the Notre Dame Cathedral. In the
opposite tower of the cathedral is a chime of
ten bells, the heaviest of which weighs 6043
pounds, and their aggregate weight is 21,800
pounds.

The manufacture of pig iron has been pro-
secuted in Oregon, in a small way, for some
time, and efforts are being made to establish
furnaces in the northern part of the State. The
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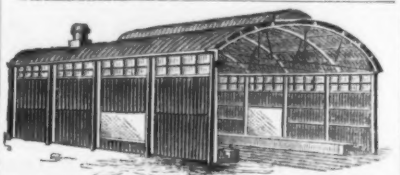
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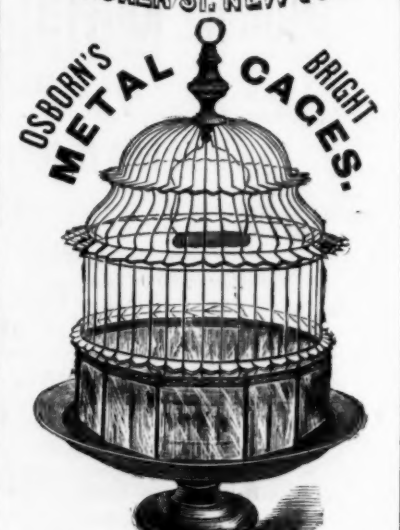
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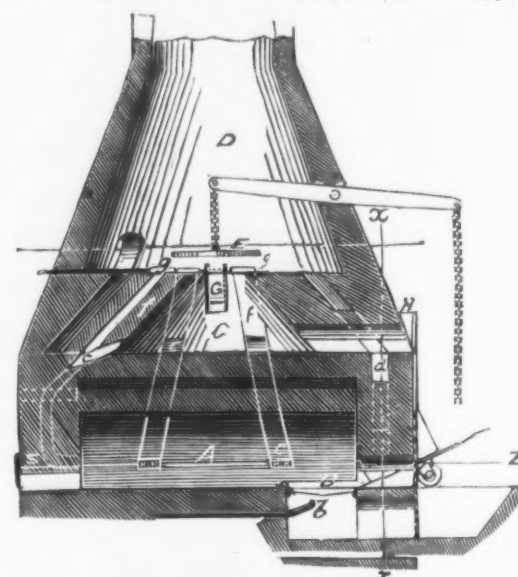
New Patents.

We take from the records of the Patent Office
in Washington the following specifications of
certain patents lately issued, which will be
found interesting:

**IMPROVEMENT IN FURNACES FOR THE MANU-
FACTURE OF IRON AND STEEL DIRECT FROM ORE.**
Specification forming part of Letters Patent
No. 167,900, dated September 14, 1875, issued to
William A. Stephens, of Successanna Plains,
N. J.

Figure 1 is a sectional elevation of furnace;
Fig. 2 a vertical section on the line x x.

The invention consists in a furnace for the



IMPROVED METALLURGICAL FURNACE.—Fig. 1.

manufacture of wrought iron direct from the
ore, in which a lower arched chamber, provided
with a fire place, has combined with it a super-
posed conical chamber, in communication with
the lower chamber by flues, which pass the
gaseous products of combustion from the lower
to the upper chamber.

The invention also consists in certain com-
binations, with said upper and lower chambers
and furnace stack, of flues, dampers and pas-
sages, for passing the gaseous products of com-
bustion either from the lower to the upper
chamber, or from the lower chamber to the
stack direct, and for otherwise controlling the
action of the gaseous products; likewise for
transferring the ore, after it has been roasted
and deprived of sulphur and other impurities
in the upper chamber, to the lower chamber of
the furnace, to be puddled or worked.

A is the lower arched chamber of the fur-
nace, and B the fire place thereof, having a
blower connected with it, and of which b is the
blast pipe. C is the superposed chamber, of
conical construction, and in communication with
the lower chamber by flues c c, through which
the gaseous products of combustion pass from
said lower to said superposed chamber, and
whereby, and by the disposition of the two
chambers relatively with each other, and
by the conical and reverberatory construction
of the upper chamber, the heat of the
lower chamber and of the gaseous prod-
ucts therefrom is most thoroughly util-
ized to effect the treatment of the ore in the
upper chamber. D is the stack of the furnace,
and E a damper, adjustable over the upper open-
ing of the conical upper chamber, to regulate
or shut off communication between the latter
and the stack.

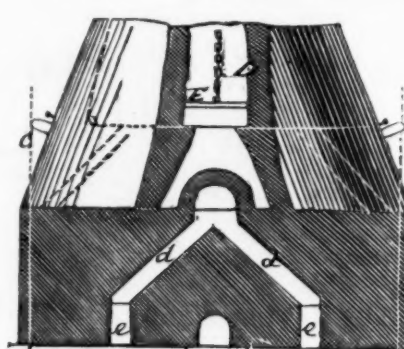


Fig. 2.

The ore is supplied to the upper chamber by
a side opening down an inclined plane or chute,
G; and after the ore in said chamber has been
deprived of its sulphur and other objectionable
impurities by the heat of the lower chamber and
action of the gaseous products of combustion
passing up therefrom, and acting on the ore in
a reverberatory manner within the conical up-
per chamber, it is drawn off from the latter
down passages d d, communicating between the
doors H I of the upper and lower chambers,
and with the stack, into barrows or their equiva-
lents, by which it is transferred through open-
ings e into the lower chamber A.

Connected with the flues c c are other flues or
branches f f, provided with dampers g g, which,
on being opened, establish a direct communica-
tion between the lower chamber A and the
stack D; also, communication between the up-
per chamber C and the stack D, in addition to
the communication established through the top
opening in the upper chamber, controlled by
the damper E. In this way or by these means
the heat in or draft from both chambers may
be tempered or regulated as required with the
greatest nicety.

In the general operation the ore is first broken
into egg size, or smaller, and two distinct
charges of the same, put one in rear of the
other, within the upper chamber C; and after

the front charge has been sufficiently treated in
said chamber it is drawn off into the lower cham-
ber, and the remaining charge drawn forward
in the upper chamber, also a fresh charge in-
troduced in rear of the one brought to the front
in the upper chamber. This operation is re-
peated continuously, the front charges being
transferred successively, one at a time, to the
lower chamber C, and by the time each charge
so transferred has been treated or operated on
in the lower chamber the next front charge in
the upper chamber is ready to be transferred.
Thus the operation is continuous as regards
both chambers.

The metal, after being puddled or balled in

IMPROVEMENT IN FURNACES FOR MELTING METALS.

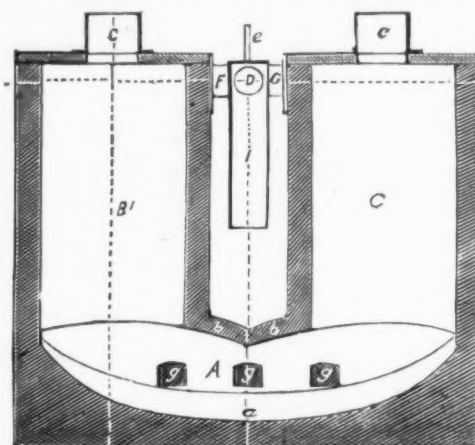
Specification forming part of Letters Patent
No. 166,767, dated August 17, 1875, issued to
William E. C. Eustis, of Milton, Mass.

Figure 1 is a longitudinal section, and Fig. 2
is a horizontal section, taken through the pipes
for supplying air and gas to the auxiliary or
charge chambers.

This furnace is to effect the melting of the
metal—as iron or steel, for instance—by means
of the combustion of air and gas led into it in
separate columns or currents, and heated in
their passage through two of the charges, and
serving afterward to heat the other two charges,
preparatory to their reception of separate
columns or currents of air and gas to be united
and burned at the bases or lower parts of such
last mentioned charges.

In this furnace the charges of metal are used
to heat the air and gas in the place of separate
expensive chambers containing stacks or piles
of bricks, and generally termed "regenera-
tors," from which it will be seen that great
advantages, both in construction, cost and ex-
pense of working, are attained by my inven-
tion.

In connection with a long chamber, A, whose
hearth is shown at a, and crown or double arch
at b b, there are four hollow columns or aux-
iliary chambers, B B' C C', there being a pair
of them over the chamber A at and near each
end of it, and to open directly into it, and over
its hearth. Each auxiliary chamber is to be
closed at top, except in having a hopper or in-
duct, c, for supplying it with the metal, which
hopper or induct may be provided with proper
means of closing it, in order to prevent escape
of air or gas through and from the hopper or in-
duct. Between the two pairs of charge cham-
bers, and at their tops, there is arranged a hori-
zontal pipe, D, provided with four branch
pipes, E F G H, leading out of it and into the
four charge chambers B B' C C', in manner as
shown in Fig. 2. An duct or chimney, I, ex-
tends from the pipe D at its middle. Further-
more, at the junctions of the pipes D and its
branches E F G H are two valves or dampers,
K L, which are arranged diagonally across
such junctions, in manner as represented.
The stems c c of such valves may be connected
by mechanism for moving or turning them, so
as to turn both valves simultaneously, as oc-



IMPROVED MELTING FURNACE.—Fig. 1.

and with the greatest economy as regards fuel.

Claim.—1. The combination, in a furnace for
making iron and steel, of the lower arched
chamber A, the fire place B, stack D, and con-
ical ore chamber C, superposed between the
stack and the arched chamber, and communi-
cating with the latter by passages, c c.

2. The combination, with the arched cham-

ber A, three or other suitable number
of openings, g g, furnished with doors,
to enable the working of the metal on the
hearth to be seen at any time, and also to
facilitate the repairing of the main chamber
of the furnace, which, with the charge cham-
bers, is to be properly lined or protected with
fire brick, ganister, or other suitable refractory
material. A tap hole and spout serve to enable
the molten metal to be drawn from the hearth
as occasion may require.

In using the furnace, after its four charge
chambers may have been duly supplied with
pig or other metal to be melted down, air is
to be blown or forced into the pipe D at one
end thereof, and combustible gas into such
pipe at its opposite end, in which case the
column of air will pass into and down through
the charge of one chamber, and the column of
gas will also pass down through the charge of
the next adjacent chamber, the two currents
uniting and being burned at the lower parts
of the two charges. The heated volatile prod-
ucts of combustion will next be driven or
pass through the main chamber A, and thence
up through the two opposite charges or their
charge chambers, and after having imparted
heat thereto, will escape therefrom through
the branch pipes of said chambers, and into
the pipe D, and thence into the chimney or
educt. This operation having been allowed to
go on for a sufficient time, the two dampers
are next to be reversed or turned into positions
at right angles to those previous ones, whereby
the air and gas will be forced into and down
through the charges of the two chambers just
previously heated by the spent gases. In pass-
ing through such charges, the separate cur-
rents of air and gas will absorb heat from them,
and meeting together at the base of the parti-
tion between the two chambers will ignite, and
aid in melting the metal, the spent gases re-
sulting from their combustion being driven up
through the other two charges so as to heat
them. Thus each pair of next adjacent cham-
bers with its metallic charges is used suc-

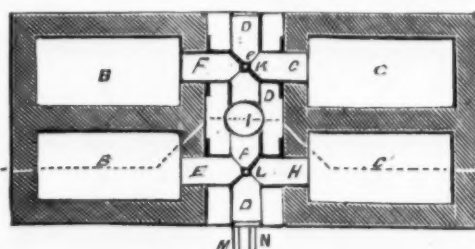


Fig. 2.

and the dampers E, g and g, for closing and
opening the flues f and the open end of the
chamber C.

3. The combination, with the upper and lower
chambers A B and stack D, of the passages d d,
communicating between the doors H I of the
upper and lower chambers and with the stack,
substantially as and for the purpose herein
specified.

cessively to intercept the heat from the spent
gases, and transmit it to the columns of air
and gas when next blown or forced through
such charges.

Claim.—The compound furnace, substantially
as described, composed of the main chamber
A, the two pairs of auxiliary chambers B B' C
C', and the pipe D, with its branches E F G H,
and two valves K L, and educt I, all arranged
essentially in manner and to operate as speci-
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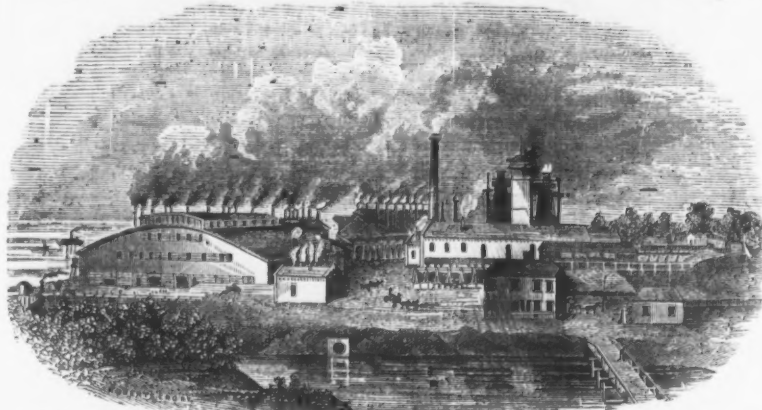
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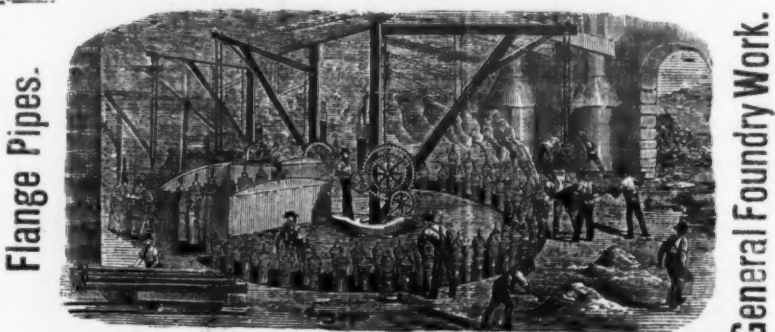
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Strips from Bessemer and Martin plates were also cut with the shears and punch, and subjected necessarily to the tempering and annealing processes. After the latter operation the Bessemer plates could be bent to the form Fig. 32, and the Martin plates to the form Fig. 33.

Bars from both makers, the one with holes drilled, the other with punched holes, and on which the double operation of tempering and annealing had been performed, came out under the tensile test as follows:

TABLE No. XIII.

Resistance to rupture in tons per sq. in.
Bessemer Plates, Martin Plates.
Drilled holes.....30.01 26.31
Punched holes.....35.94 30.30

It is probable that the annealing of these latter bars did not take place at a sufficiently high temperature to obliterate the whole of the temper obtained in the first operation.

The following conclusions may be deduced from the preceding experiments on plates from 275 in. to 472 in. thick.

1. That the effects of punching and shearing are entirely local and extend only over a limited zone, less than 0.4 in. in width on the edge of the side sheared, or of the hole punched.

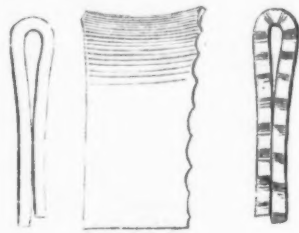


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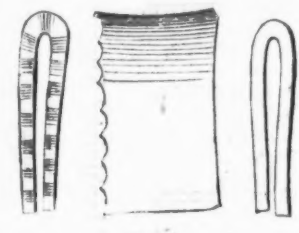


Fig. 33.



Fig. 34.



Fig. 35.

The tensile strain tended to transmit itself along the tangent lines A B A' B', and the nearer the fibres approached these lines the greater was the strain upon them. It was then at the exterior that the maximum extension would take place; cracks should only be produced under an extreme load, and should show little tendency to extend. Admitting a normal resistance of 31 tons per square inch for the Bessemer plates, these test bars would break under a load of 4.459 tons, which would give an apparent resistance of 27.83 tons, that is to say, approximately the result recorded (see Table No. VII).

With conical punched holes, the metal is slightly less altered, than with cylindrical. Rings cut from around these holes have been deformed as in Fig. 36. This result is explained by the reduced tempering produced by this mode of punching; less effort is required to form a conical than a cylindrical hole in a plate. In test bars punched with such holes the extensions should be more regular, cracks would not show so quickly, and a power of resistance slightly different to that for the drilled holes would be found.

To illustrate the influence of the position of the punched hole, with reference to the tangent lines A B A' B', bars 1.26 in. wide and of the form shown in Fig. 37, were cut out of a Bessemer plate; some of them had a drilled hole, others a punched conical hole, and in others

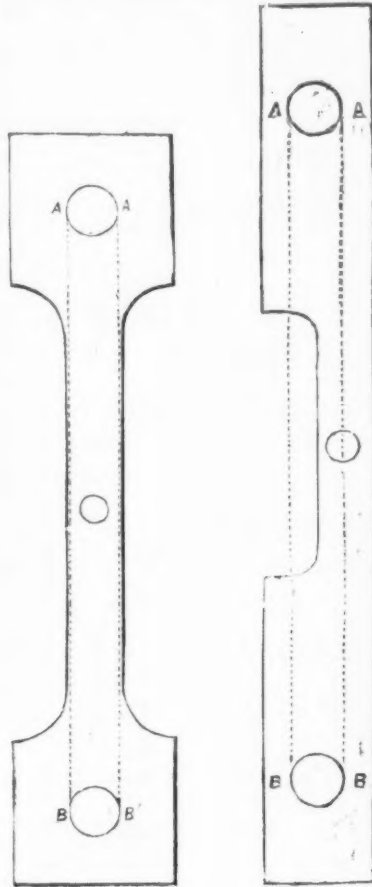


Fig. 37.

2. That no cracks exist in the parts so changed.

3. That tempering destroys the effect of shearing and of punching, by restoring the metal to the condition in which it would have been if the operations of shearing and punching had been replaced by planing and drilling.

4. That annealing by itself or after tempering, negatives, like tempering, the alteration produced by shearing and punching.

These various results are easily explained. The shearing and punching machines produce in the neighborhood of the parts subjected to their action, a local and extreme pressure. On the one hand the limit of elasticity of the metal is exceeded, and it must fail to show the original extension before rupture, but this does not explain the increase observed in the hardness and tenacity.

On the other hand, this pressure induces the solution of the combined carbon, and produces an actual tempering in the part acted on by the shears, and around the punch. These portions thus acquire greater hardness, more tenacity, and are susceptible only of slight extension. The temper thus produced is more intense than can be obtained by sudden cooling. The pressure of the punch is sufficient to exceed the limit of resistance of the metal, and this effect can never be produced by tempering mild steel of small volume, by means of simple cooling; in this latter case the pressure and the effect it produces are considerably less.

It is thus that a ring surrounding a drilled hole and tempered by sudden cooling, gave a very different result (Fig. 34) than was obtained by rings surrounding holes punched in the same plate.

Admitting this theory, account may be taken of the different facts observed, and first with reference to the influence of the width of the bars on their apparent tenacity, an influence shown in Table No. VII. Supposing that the zone of action of the punch is limited by a cylinder, the radius of which is 0.4 greater than that of the punch. The different fibres of the test bar will be extended, while the tempered central part near the punched hole will extend less, and consequently, having to carry the greater portion of the load will break, following a crack of about 0.4 in. From this moment all the fibres working equally ought to show the normal resistance due to the plate, if the crack does not spread. This took place with the narrow bars 1.26 in. wide; they were held at the ends by bolts through the holes A, A', B, B', and about 1.2 in. in diameter (Fig. 35).

again a cylindrical hole was punched. The center of this hole, in each case, lay in the line A' B', and the altered zone was thus in the area of greatest stress. These bars showed the resistances to rupture given in Table No. XIV.

TABLE No. XIV.

Tons per square inch.
Drilled holes.....29.937
Cylindrical punched holes.....15.976
Conical punched holes.....21.596

These results ought not to be compared with the figures previously obtained, because these bars were exposed to a bending as well as to a tensile strain; but the experiments clearly show the influence of the position of the altered zone in the test bar.

It shows also that the conical punching considerably weakens the bar, although not to so great an extent as the cylindrical punching, and that the method of testing the bars has alone prevented many experimenters from noticing this.

It is easy to explain the reduced tenacity after punching, which appears greater in bars of larger width. In these, the outer fibres, furthest removed from the punching hole, are less strained, and it is near the hole where the greatest strains take place, while, at a certain moment, the cracks produced in the altered zone extend to the ultimate rupture. It will be understood, also, that in two wide bars, though of unequal width, little difference in the resistances to rupture will be found per square inch, the cracks extending at the moment when the loads on the central parts are alike.

In bars of intermediate width results intermediate to the foregoing ought to be observed, the difference between the effects produced by the two kinds of punching becoming less and less as the width of the bar is increased.

Bars where none of these incipient cracks are produced, whether the holes have been drilled or punched and enlarged, can support a much greater load per square inch, whatever may be their width. In making experiments for tensile strain, special care should be taken as to the width and the mode of attaching the bars; those considerations are essential in order to obtain comparative results.

In practice, where the joints of plates, connected by an assemblage of rivets are frequently exposed to tensile strains, the punched plates will show decreased resistance of the same nature as the wider bars of the preceding tests, because the greatest strain will be produced in the zone surrounding each rivet.

It may be supposed that the results deduced, and above recorded, will be always reproduced in any metal in which holes have been punched, varying, of course, with the way in which the metal acts under the punch. By enlarging the hole afterward more or less with the drill the cause of alteration should be removed. In this relation experiments were made with iron plates. A preliminary trial was made to test the influence of the width of the bars on their power of resistance:

TABLE No. XV.

Width of Bars.	Resistance in tons per sq. in.
Not punched.....	17.5
".....	17.69
Conical punched hole, diameter 1.26.....	16.80
".....	16.51
of punch, 0.7.....	15.19
in., diameter.....	14.71
of die 0.25 in.....	14.77

A second test was made in order to prove if an enlargement of the punched hole was sufficient to restore the metal to its apparent primitive tenacity; the best bars were 2.36 in. wide:

TABLE No. XVI.

Hole drilled out to 748 in. diam.....	Resistance to rupture in tons per sq. in.
".....	16.93
" punched to 748 in. diam.....	14.84
".....	15.88
Hole punched to 30 inches, enlarged to 748 in.....	17.18

According to these data punching exerts on iron plates effects that may be compared to those produced on steel plates; the extent of the affected zone appears rather larger, and the apparent loss according to the foregoing table would be about 12 per cent. Rings cut out around holes punched from iron plates were subjected to bending like the steel rings before mentioned. Whilst the rings from the drilled plates were susceptible of considerable deformation before rupture, those from punched holes broke before their form was appreciably changed. These latter, however, after having been annealed at a cherry-red heat, could be bent like those taken from the punched holes.

These phenomena may be explained, as in the case of steel, by a permanent alteration in the elasticity of the parts around the punched hole, and also by a solution in the iron, under the influence of the pressure, of foreign bodies, and especially of the carbon, the traces of which are always present.

It has been shown that punched and sheared plates, submitted to the influence of tempering, are relieved from the weakening influence of the punch and the shears, and behave like planed plates that have also been tempered. This fact is explained by considerations analogous to the preceding one.

The shears and the punch tempering the metal in the vicinity of the points on which they act, the bands thus affected cease to have their original homogeneity, and under a relative minimum deformation the commencement of rupture manifests itself; on the test strips cut with the shears, and the punch, the cracks are always produced on the edges, the central part presenting no trace of alteration. When, on the other hand, these bands thus affected locally are heated and tempered, the part originally tempered by the shears or the punch, is brought by means of the high temperature to the same condition as the edges; an equal quantity of carbon is dissolved throughout, the lost elasticity is restored, in short, a strip of homogeneous metal is produced, which preserves its homogeneity after tempering, and which, therefore, resists bending, as if it had been cut in the planing machine.

In the test bars submitted to tensile strain the same facts were proved, tempered punched bars supporting the same load as drilled and tempered bars. In presence of the facts just recorded, in order to preserve in contoured plates and bars of steel their normal value, the use of the punch or shears ought to be abandoned, or at least the zone affected by the use of these tools should be removed by annealing. Leaving on one side for the moment the convenience of annealing, which we shall consider later on, we see that sheared plates ought to be planed, and that holes should either be drilled or punched and afterward enlarged. Sheared plates can easily be planed, where the edges are straight or approximating to a straight line. In other cases they should be chipped. This operation is often executed on iron plates when very careful adjustment is required. Angle irons ought sometimes to be treated in the same manner, though the operation may frequently be dispensed with, the ends of angle iron rarely being called upon to play an important part.

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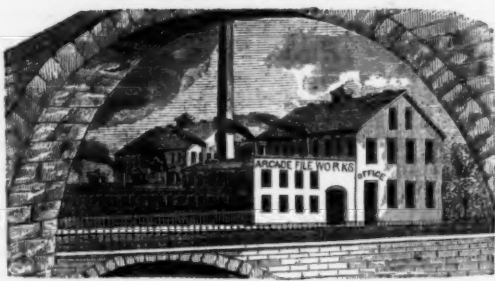


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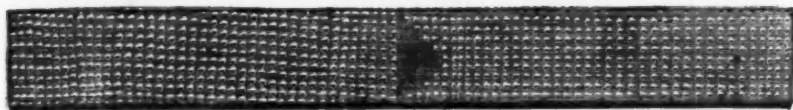
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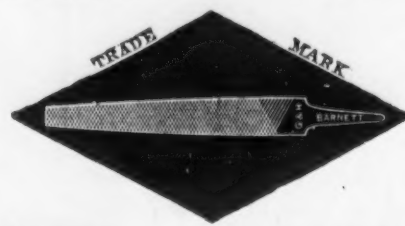
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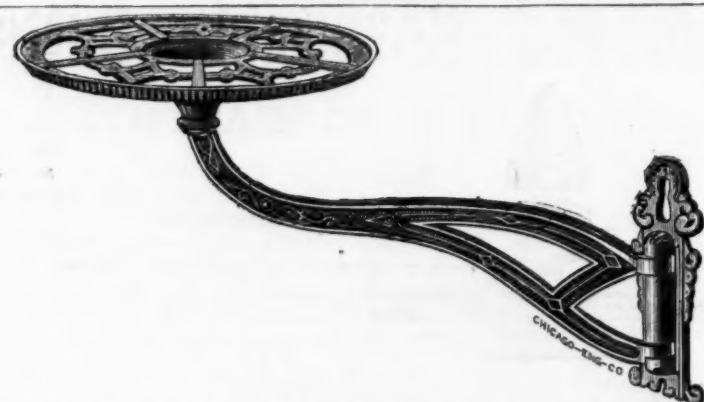
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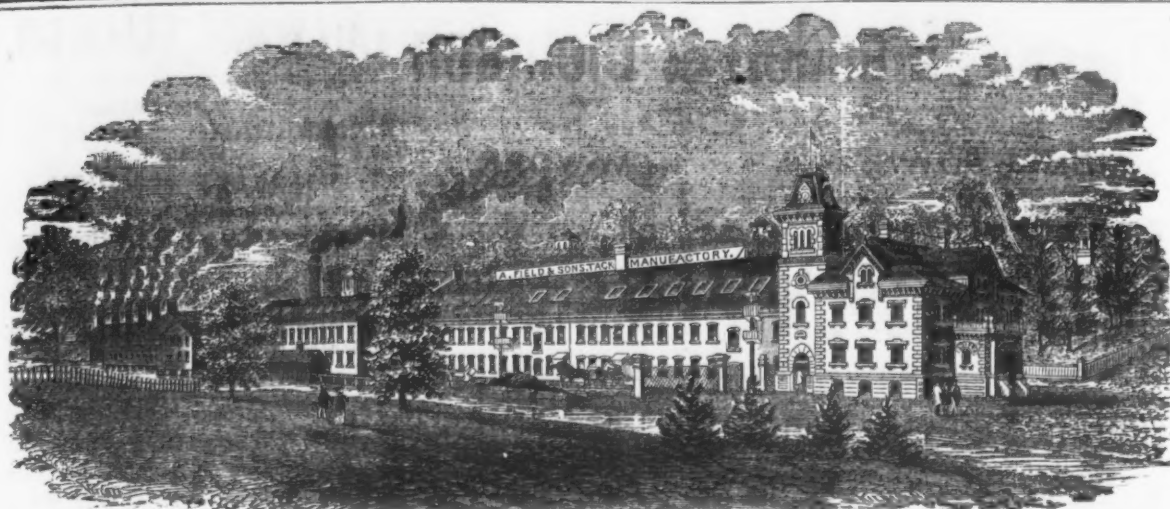
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BUSINESS ITEMS.

NEW YORK.

It is announced that Charles Morgan, of New York, has concluded a contract with the Harlan & Hollingsworth Company, of Wilmington, Del., for the immediate construction of two iron propeller steamships for his line between New York and Brazoshear City, Texas. They will be similar in size and model to the two just built for that line by the same builders, being about 2000 tons capacity each.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Lemont Furnace, near Uniontown, will be ready to blow in as soon as one engine has been completed and put in place. The dimensions of this furnace are 65x15 feet. The hoisting house is frame, 28x12 feet, 30 feet high; the casting house is brick, 72x44 feet, 24 feet high, with corrugated iron roof, which rests upon iron trusses; engine house, brick, 38x40 feet, 26 feet high. The engines will have 36 inch cylinders, 4 feet stroke. Blowing cylinder, 6 feet diameter, 4 feet stroke. The ovens, two in number, are of the Player patent.

The iron works at Knauerstown, Chester county, use coke for fuel, which is taken to Pottstown from Pittsburgh in cars, and thence conveyed by wagons to the works.

A fire at Johnson, Black & Co.'s stove works, Erie, lately destroyed the japannery department. Loss, \$20,000; uninsured.

Bradley, Reis & Co., Newcastle, have an order for 100 tons of galvanized iron, to be used in manufacturing the cornice of the Centennial buildings at Philadelphia.

The Allentown Iron Company at present have a good demand for pig iron of their manufacture. They have for some time past been shipping an average of 1500 tons weekly.

They are now making bright tin at the United States Tin Plate Works, at McKeesport.

The Edgar Thomson Steel Works, at Pittsburgh, made one day recently 84 tons of ingots.

Three thousand two hundred and ninety tons of pig iron have recently been sent to the Pennsylvania Steel Company at Harrisburgh from the Neshannock Furnace in New Castle.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The tempering and hotchelt shops of the Douglass Axe Factory Co., at East Douglass, were destroyed by fire recently. Loss, \$35,000; partially covered by insurance.

The Springfield Union says: The Wason Car Co.'s dull season seems to be about over, and it will increase its present force of upward of 100 workmen to about 300, November 1. It has hopes of receiving subsequent orders enough to work a force of 450 workmen during the winter.

OHIO.

The Youngstown Rolling Mill Company, the Girard Rolling Mill Company, the Falcon Iron and Nail Works, and Mr. L. B. Ward, of Niles, have associated themselves and formed the Mahoning Iron Company, and are about erecting a warehouse, from which they propose selling the products of their mills and carrying on a general iron business.

The Riverside Boiler Works, at Columbus, is doing a very fair business. This company is just about to remove to new shops, where they will have facilities for manufacturing equivalent to the demand upon them. They have lately been putting into public institutions at Columbus and elsewhere some large tubular and other boilers.

The Cleveland Rolling Mill Company is running double turn in every department excepting the plate mill.

The Buckeye Agricultural Works, Springfield, are putting in a new engine and boiler of increased power.

The Cleveland Iron Company is running on an order for 4000 tons of iron rails, for the Scioto Valley Railroad.

The Brown Manufacturing Company's works, at Zanesville, are running full, employing at present about 100 hands. Their principal manufactures are wagons and plows.

The Canton Wrought Iron Bridge Company have contracts ahead aggregating \$300,000. Their works are being run 14 hours per day.

Marchand & Morgan, Alliance, manufacturers of steam trip hammers, have recently turned out and shipped to Messrs. Lewis, Oliver & Phillips, Pittsburgh, a five hundred pound double stand hammer, also a one thousand pound steel hammer for Hussey, Wells & Co., Pittsburgh. They are now building a two ton hammer for the Globe Rolling Mill Co., of Cincinnati.

The Massillon Excelsior Works are enlarging their capacity about one third.

The Cuyahoga Works are building a hoisting apparatus for the Cleveland Rolling Mill Company to be placed on the Lake Superior mining lands, at Sagamore. They are also turning the large shaft for the Akron Flouring Mill, forged by the Lake Erie Iron Company. The shaft is sixteen inches in diameter and twenty-three feet in length.

NEVADA.

The hoisting works of the Utah mine, in Virginia City, were destroyed by fire Oct. 10th. The loss is a quarter of a million. The works were recently completed with machinery to sink a shaft to the depth of 2000 feet. The engineer stood at his post hoisting out the miners until he was badly burned. Four men, who remained below when the engine was abandoned, escaped through an old shaft.

CALIFORNIA.

The Pacific Saw Manufacturing Company, of 17 and 19 Fremont street, San Francisco, have recently been making a number of additions to their machinery, thereby enabling them to turn out work with greater dispatch and to make many new articles. At the Australian Exposition of 1875 this company carried

off all the prizes, and received a large number of orders. They have also forwarded a full assortment for exhibition at the Chlo Exposition. Their trade extends to Oregon, Washington Territory, California, Arizona, Mexico, Central and South America, and they frequently receive orders from the Eastern States.

A New Telegraph System.

A new telegraphic system, invented by Paul la Cour, vice-president of the Royal Meteorological Institute at Copenhagen, obtained considerable attention lately at the International Telegraphic Congress at St. Petersburg, where the inventor exhibited it. The invention is thus described by the inventor: The system does not consist in a new form of receiving and transmitting apparatus, which by the talented combination of Huges, Wheatstone, Siemens and others have attained such a state of perfection that great improvements seem improbable. La Cour's system, however, opens up a new scope for telegraphy in that he has constructed some simple instrument, whereby the electric current, by being passed through different instruments obtains different qualities, whereby it can act upon corresponding instruments at the receiving station. Supposing twenty conducting wires be led from one of the poles of a battery through twenty such instruments, then by connecting each or some of these with a single telegraphic wire the following result is obtained, viz., that an electric local current is produced in the twenty corresponding conducting wires on the receiving station, exactly as if the twenty conducting wires on the transmitting station were connected with the twenty conducting wires on the receiving station, by means of twenty separate telegraphic wires, while there is in reality one single telegraphic wire only. La Cour's instruments consequently accomplish the same as if the number of telegraphic wires were the same as the number of instruments; they are very simple, and their construction is as follows: Each of these little instruments contains a tuning fork which is so connected with an electro-magnet and two wire coils, that the electric current by traversing the instrument becomes isochronously vibrating in the "measures" which corresponds with the note of the tuning fork, and when a thus vibrating current then traverses similar instruments on the receiving station, then those tuning forks in them which have the same note as those in the transmitting instruments will be set vibrating, and thus a current is caused in their local wires. It is evident that such a multiplication of a telegraph line can be very advantageously applied in many ways. As each pair of instruments applied at the two termini of the telegraph line represent the application of a new line, a new pair of telegraphic clerks can be applied to correspond with one another without disturbing the correspondence going on along the same line, and the correspondence can thus be considerably multiplied. Instruments at intermediate places can also be applied, and thus many different telegrams can be sent simultaneously to different stations. This system is also suitable for transmission of hand-writings or drawings—pantography. Heretofore this has been done by the synchronous movement many times over the paper of a single line on the transmitting and receiving station, but in La Cour's system a great number of lines may be moved over the paper side by side, and the handwriting is produced by one passage over the paper. The vibrating currents in this system have also the advantage that they do not affect other ordinary relays or receiving instruments through their pass, so that they can pass through a line without disturbing the correspondence going on, neither do the ordinary currents from the other end affect La Cour's receiving instruments. These vibrating currents thus neither disturb the ordinary telegraphing through the line nor are they disturbed by it.

Report of Inspections made by the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company for the months of June, July and August, 1875.—During the three months ending Sept. 1, 4814 visits of inspection were made and 9410 boilers examined. Of these 3147 were examined internally and thoroughly, and 8830 were inspected externally. The hydraulic pump was used in 575 instances, mostly in connection with new boilers. The defects will be found to be quite numerous and some of them were close upon the verge of danger. They were in all 6876, of which 1514 rendered the boilers liable to accident any hour. These defects were in detail as follows: Furnaces out of shape, 256—41 dangerous; fractures, 388—200 dangerous; burned plates, 303—119 dangerous; blistered plates, 891—173 dangerous; sediment and deposit, 731—163 dangerous; incrustation and scale, 713—127 dangerous; external corrosion, 261—131 dangerous; internal corrosion, 184—58 dangerous; internal grooving, 30—12 dangerous; water gauges defective, 303—57 dangerous; blow out defective, 72—33 dangerous; safety valves overloaded, 157—81 dangerous; pressure gauges defective, 622—159 dangerous; boilers without gauges, 210—8 dangerous; deficiency of water, 25—14 dangerous; braces and stays broken, 220—136 dangerous; boilers condemned, 64. The record of details is very much the same as in previous reports. It is an old story. During these months we have recorded 24 boiler explosions, killing 41 persons and wounding 44.

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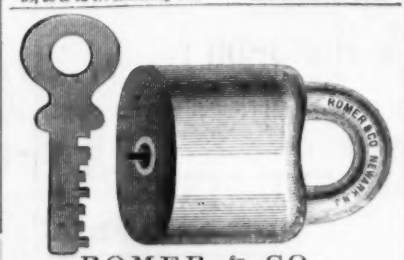
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PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 18, 1875.

As is usual with election weeks, the past has been almost given up to the discussion of politics, and the salvation or destruction of the best interests of the country by the success or failure of either party. The result of the election in Ohio is said to have strengthened the confidence of business men very much—to have removed their fears of any disarrangement of the finances in the near future, and to have increased their hopes for the speedy return of prosperity to the country. The trade of the autumn, while conservative, has been good, and what is better, has been very generally paid for. The money articles report a good and increasing demand for money in exchange for business paper, always a healthy sign, and a considerable movement westward of funds to move crops, the demand for which abroad is heavy and must be supplied by us. It cannot possibly be that we are to have the best crops for a number of years, in which are included an immense surplus of grain, cotton, tobacco and provisions, with an active market abroad for all these products—our debts practically paid up at home, and the farmers rich in money and freed from encumbrances—without experiencing a return of prosperity to the iron trade, which is the basis and substructure of all the industries which minister to the wants of the people. By the coming spring we will see the effect of this, and before another winter we will have forgotten the panic until another comes. That our manufacturers have been making efforts for Mexican and South American trade has been several times noted. I was not, however, prepared to believe that it had already attained any great proportions until taking up a Spanish paper, *El Progreso*, of Vera Cruz, in an iron house lately, I found the advertisements of many of our best known manufacturers in machinery, tools, steam hammers, glassware, gas, water and steam pipe, etc. I also learn that where none of these products three years since could have been sold of American manufacture, now we were supplying them almost to the exclusion of English goods. Thus from Ecuador comes an order for iron beams, roofs, shedding, galvanized plates, and an entire outfit for a machine shop. Guatemala sends for a considerable quantity of cast and wrought iron, gas and water pipe fittings and gas tools. Mexico is buying largely of portable gas machines, using petroleum as the gas material, and, also, to some extent, of machine tools. All these orders, which are now being filled here, indicate that the manufacturers of the Atlantic slope are seeking and developing the proper market for their surplus products, and that while little noise has been made about it, a very fair beginning has already been made in a trade which, in the future, will be of the very first importance. The East Coast of Central and South America and Mexico should be naturally supplied by the Atlantic States, and to this trade will soon come.

In a previous letter I alluded to the project of forming an Industrial Museum on the plan of the South Kensington Museum, of London—to occupy Memorial Hall after the Centennial. A meeting of the projectors with the State Supervisors and city and park officials was held this week, at which the plan was explained, the object and success of the Kensington Museum shown, and the following scheme for a similar school here adopted: The institution will be known as "The Pennsylvania Museum and School of Industrial Art," and will embody a museum of art in all its branches, as applied to industry and technology, giving instruction in drawing, painting, wood cutting and designing in application to industry, through lectures, practical schools and special libraries. The government will be in the hands of corporators appointed by act of Assembly, consisting of 32 trustees, 20 of whom are to be chosen by the members, including the Governor of the State and mayor of the city, with representatives from the Legislature, councils of the city, Academy of Fine Arts, School of Design, University of Pennsylvania, Franklin Institute, Park Commission and Board of State Centennial Supervisors. The necessary steps were taken to form the museum, and the project meets with such universal favor as to insure its success.

The statistical report of the secretary of the American Iron and Steel Association, issued to the members October 1st, 1875, has just been issued in neat pamphlet form, and in addition to the amount of statistics already published in your columns, contains some very valuable reference tables of production, imports, exports, etc. Among the interesting features not hitherto noticed is a table of the imports of iron ores for the fiscal years from 1870 to 1874 inclusive, which shows that the value of ores imported yearly has increased from \$34,604 in 1870 to \$138,514 in 1874. In view of the fact that we have in this country ores of precise constitution as to purity, and greater richness in metallic iron—we speak advisedly—than those of any other country in the world, it is simply a crying disgrace to the trade that iron ores are imported to the value of \$138,514 in one year, and that a panic year. We can safely offer to furnish a duplicate, in purity, of any ore imported, not excepting mangiferous ores, suitable for spiegel or ferro-manganese production, from American sources, and at less price, duty on foreign ore considered, than any ore can now be imported. The Secretary of the Iron and Steel Association will add to his valuable contributions to the statistics of the industry by obtaining, if such be possible, the entire statistics of iron ore raised in the United States annually, character, quality, price at mine and at market, freights, etc. By an unfortunate accident to the framework of an annex to Agricultural Hall, at the Centennial grounds, on Monday last, some eleven men were injured, none, however, fatally. The accident will not delay the completion of the building, and was owing to the high wind prevailing at the time.

The public still await the exhibition of the Keeley motor with natural incredulity. I. P. Morris & Co. are said to be building the machine, and the inventor is to add the "mystery" to it after it leaves their shop. Meanwhile other new motors are appearing, one of which was exhibited the other day, the power of which is gas generated from petroleum, and in which a gallon of coal oil runs the machine—size not given—for ten hours. The Chester Rolling Mill, although only a few months in operation, has already so much trade as to demand an extension of plant, which is now being supplied in a new Siemens heating furnace and train of rolls.

The success of the Whitwell Hot Blast in this country continues to attract attention. The Rising Fawn Furnace, Ga., continues to make iron on 17 cwt. of coke to the ton by its use, and the superintendent writes: "We have nothing but good to report of the Whitwell Hot Blast." The Cedar Point Furnace,

Lake Champlain, is reported to be making iron on 23 cwt. of Anthracite coal, ordinary run of mine. The Etna Furnace, Ironton, Ohio, is using it with the Ferrie self-coking apparatus, and reports complete success. Furnace owners adopting this improvement have these tests, in addition to the notable success abroad, before them.

Mr. Wm. E. Morris, a civil engineer of note on canals and railroads, died at his residence here on Saturday. Identified with the early canal system of this State, and later with various railroads and water works, he was well known and greatly respected, and was, in fact, celebrated for his great economy and fidelity to detail in every work he constructed.

Iron Trade Statistics.

We have received from Mr. James W. Swank, secretary of the Iron and Steel Association, copies of his statistical report for the year ended December 31st, 1874. The greater part of the report was published in our issue of September 9th, but the following abstract of two chapters, subsequently added, will be of interest to our readers.

THE CONSUMPTION OF PIG IRON AND RAILS.

In giving the production of pig iron in the United States in 1872, 1873 and 1874, the inquiry naturally arises, What was the consumption of pig iron in each of these three years? This can be approximately ascertained for any given year by adding the quantity imported and the home production to the stock on hand at the beginning of the year, and subtracting the stock on hand at the close of the year and the quantity exported during the year. Unfortunately, the exact quantity of stock on hand can never be accurately ascertained for any year, but the labors of this association have made the work of estimating this unknown quantity for 1873 and 1874 comparatively easy and substantially correct, for at the close of each of these years it endeavored to ascertain the quantity of iron that was in the hands of the makers or their agents and unsold. The quantity held by speculators, creditors, importers and consumers it could not, of course, hope to ascertain. With these explanations, we submit the annexed table of the probable consumption of pig iron in 1873, 1873 and 1874. By the phrase "on hand" we will be understood as meaning all the pig iron in the country, whether in the hands of furnacemen and their agents, speculators, creditors or consumers:

Pig Iron.	1872. Net Tons.	1873. Net Tons.	1874. Net Tons.
On hand Jan. 1.....	400,000	700,000	700,000
Imports.....	265,967	154,708	61,165
Production.....	2,561,458	2,665,278	2,689,413
Total supply.....	3,227,425	3,519,986	3,450,578
On hand Dec. 31.....	700,000	700,000	1,000,000
Exports.....	2,850,525	3,022,986	2,450,578
Exported to foreign countries.....	1,477	10,103	16,089
Probable consumption.....	2,849,048	3,012,883	2,434,539

We have given to this subject the most careful consideration, and the above is the result of our best judgment. The figures indicate a reduced consumption of pig iron in 1874 of 578,344 tons as compared with 1873, and 414,509 tons as compared with 1872.

The consumption of rails in any given year can be ascertained with a great degree of accuracy by assuming that the quantity carried over from year to year is always about the same, and that the total of imports and production is therefore consumed. Our exports of rails are as yet so inconsiderable that they need not be regarded as affecting the general result. The following table will show the probable consumption of rails in this country during 1872, 1873 and 1874:

Rails.	1872. Net Tons.	1873. Net Tons.	1874. Net Tons.
Production of iron rails.....	905,930	761,062	584,469
Production of Bessemer rails.....	94,070	129,015	144,944
Importation of iron rails.....	381,064	99,302	7,796
Importation of Bessemer rails.....	149,786	159,571	100,486
Probable consumption.....	1,536,850	1,149,950	837,695

These figures indicate a reduced consumption of rails of all kinds in 1874 of 311,155 tons as compared with 1873, and of 693,155 tons as compared with 1872.

IMPORTS OF IRON ORE.

Below we present a table, compiled from the Commerce and Navigation Reports of the Bureau of Statistics, showing the value of the iron ore imported into the United States during the six fiscal years which ended June 30, 1875. The quantity imported is not given, but it may be approximately estimated in tons at one-half the value given. This value is the invoice value, which is fixed at place of shipment, and it probably has not averaged during the years named more than two dollars a ton; hence the division by two, as we have suggested, to find the tonnage. The duty on foreign ores is 20 per cent. ad valorem.

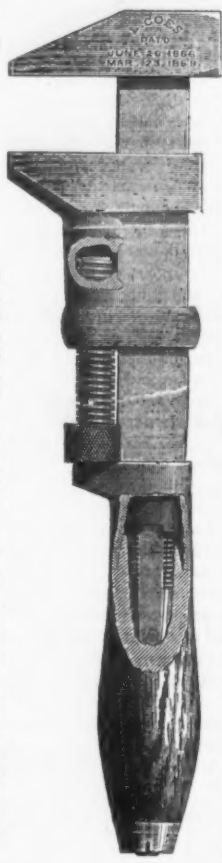
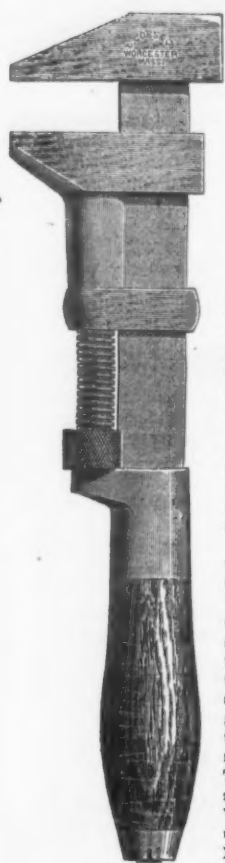
Fiscal Year.	New York.	Boston.	Baltimore.	San Francisco.	Lake Ports.	Philadelphia.	Other Ports.	Total.
1870.....	\$153	.....	.....	.....	\$54,439	.....	\$165	\$54,647
1871.....	2,118	.....	.....	.....	49,607	.....	1,590	\$53,313
1872.....	29,182	\$1,434	.....	.....	82,856	.....	575	\$124,412
1873.....	21,544	173	\$11,520	.....	105,167	.....	110	\$138,314
1874.....	16,363	.....	.....	.....	74,425	\$55,896	85	\$146,659

Important Failure in Pittsburgh.—The announcement was made on Saturday that the well-known iron manufacturing firm of Rogers & Burchfield had suspended payment. It was known that they had been embarrassed for some little time past, but it was expected that they would arrange their affairs and proceed with their business. This seems to have been impossible, however, and the suspension followed. Messrs. Rogers & Burchfield have two mills, the "Iron City" and the "Siberian," one situated at Leechburg and the other at Apollo, Armstrong county. They were extensively engaged in the manufacture of polished sheet iron.

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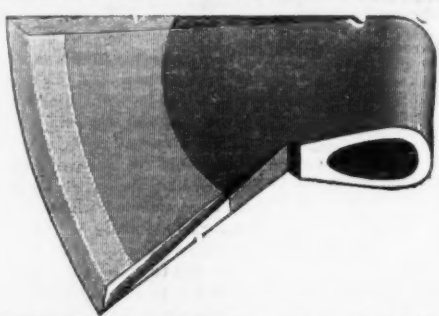
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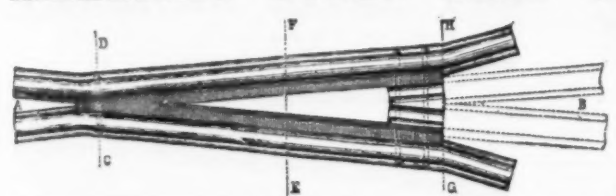
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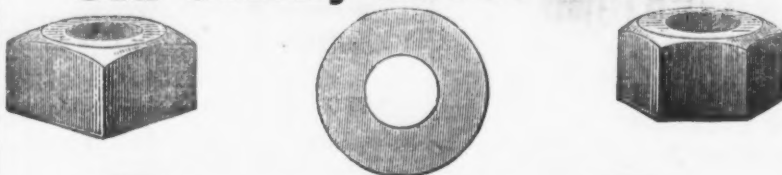
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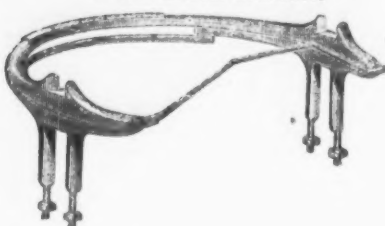
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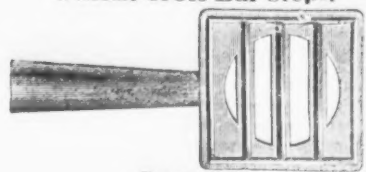
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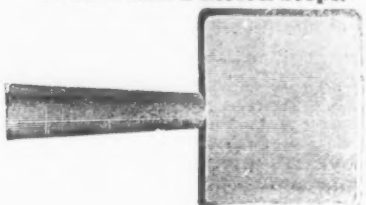
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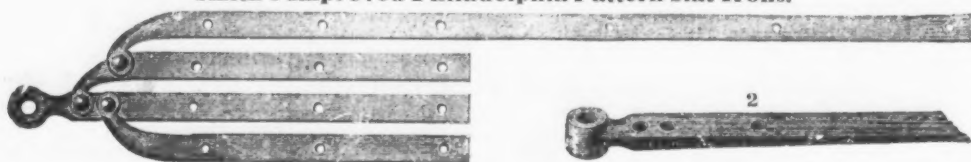
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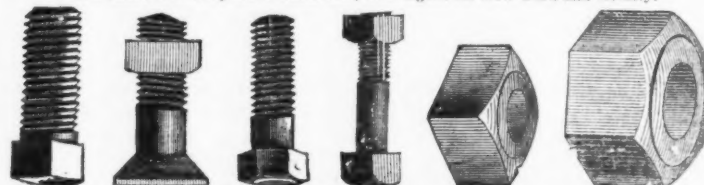
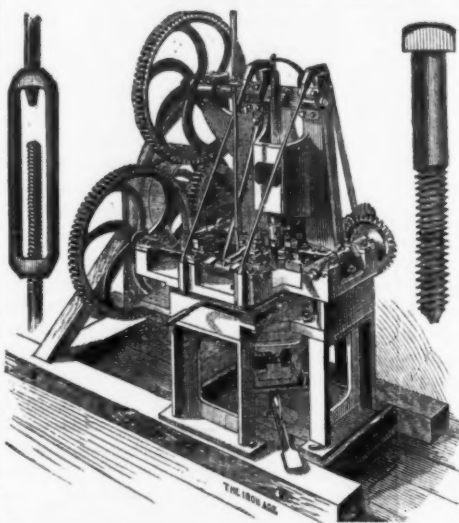
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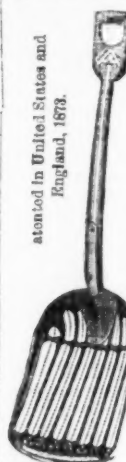


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To invent and improve may be said, without much exaggeration, to be American habits. Some one once said that the first thing a New England baby does is to examine his cradle, to see whether he cannot improve upon it in some way. Certain it is that the inventive mania takes possession of a very large proportion of Americans quite early in life. Whether this desire assumes the definite form of a purpose, depends very much upon circumstances. Merchants and professional men make comparatively few inventions; but mechanics, and especially the large class of jack-at-all-trades, who engage in any business which seems to afford a reasonable promise of profit, make a great many. There is no reason why the spirit which prompts to the labor and thought usually supposed to be

expended upon inventions, should be discouraged. It produces manifold useful results to the community, and does no harm to the individual, unless he allows himself to be deterred from honest labor by the delusive dream of wealth and honors easily won by mere ingenuity. Comparatively few, however, of those who belong to the class of inventors, make public more than one invention, for the reason that only a very small percentage of patents return to the owners the money expended in obtaining them. This fact commonly discourages second attempts in this direction. Of those who make numerous inventions, a majority are men who seem impelled to effort in this direction by an irresistible impulse. They are mostly impractical men, without the capacity for acquiring business habits. Like artists, poets and authors, they live chiefly in the realm of ideas, and their interest in an invention commonly ceases as soon as it is perfected. Each new idea seems to them the one which will bring them fame and fortune; and it is by no means unusual to see inventors sell the valuable fruits of years of labor—patents which should enrich them—for enough to enable them to follow another *ignis fatuus* which dazzles them for the moment. There are some, perhaps many, conspicuous exceptions to this rule, but it remains the rule notwithstanding. Professional inventors, like poets, are "born, not made." They, too, are poets in one sense, but, unlike a great majority of their brethren who invent rhymes, they do a great deal of good in the world and contribute much to the progress of civilization. The fact that others commonly reap what they have sown, is their misfortune. Your true inventor is seldom mercenary and rarely covetous of honors. He invents because he cannot help it. Unfortunately for himself, but fortunately for the community at large, his genius is abnormal. It cannot conform to the rules of every day life, nor can it be harnessed or trammelled by business habits. To such men we have nothing in the way of advice to give. They are doing all the good in the world of which they are capable, and if they do not win fame or profit, they have the satisfaction of knowing that it is not because they do not deserve them, and that both are often bestowed upon men less worthy than they.

We have, however, a few words of friendly counsel for practical mechanics, who look upon success as the end and aim of effort, and who, if they invent at all, do so for profit. Men of this class—good mechanics without genius—make the great majority of our inventions and contribute the greater part of the revenues of the patent office. The fact that only a very small percentage of patents are worth anything, is sufficient evidence that only a very small percentage of inventors labor wisely. Those who have plenty of money to spare, may derive enough satisfaction from having a patent to compensate them for the cost of getting it: those who have not, and must draw upon the slender margin of their savings during months of hard work, and deny themselves all but the bare necessities of life, to pay attorney's fees and patent office charges, will be disposed, we think, to regard the subject more practically. It is to these we address our remarks.

Up to within a comparatively few years, an inventor, whatever his method of working out his ideas, could scarcely go astray. The laws of nature were not sufficiently understood to render it possible for engineers and mechanics to work out a progress mathematically. Science was largely empirical, and the progress of the arts tentative rather than inductive. Whatever was invented made a contribution, great or small, to the world's knowledge. Within the past few years, however—that is, within the memory of living men—the progress of the arts, the improvement of machinery, tools, labor-saving appliances, processes, &c., has been so rapid and general, that the task of inventing and improving is attended with practical difficulties formerly unknown. In almost all directions progress has been pushed up to a line which the chance inventor rarely succeeds in crossing successfully. Sometimes men receive revelations of truth which come to them as inspirations, and valuable inventions are occasionally conceived in a moment by ingenious people, so complete as to require little thought or labor to put them in practice. Such good fortune, however, seldom falls to the lot of any but men of genius, whose minds are so constituted that they grasp a complete idea almost intuitively, and without being conscious of the intermediate mental process by which it was worked out. For example, many of the mathematical prodigies who have lived, of whom the late Zerah Colburn was a type, have had a genius akin to that of the successful chance inventor. They would give answers to difficult mathematical problems with a rapidity which seemingly gave them more the char-

acter of discoveries than of results obtained by any mathematical operation. Problems which common mathematicians would have to work out upon reams of paper, they would solve almost off hand. To follow this method, however, would not make the average man of intelligence a great mathematician. The same is true of invention. When the steps of mechanical progress were, comparatively, as simple as the division of four by two, chance invention was easy. A want was seen or experienced, and the means of supplying it suggested themselves. Often the accidental discovery of the means suggested the idea of the need, and the two naturally shaped themselves into an invention. Now, however, the conditions are changed. In nearly all departments of industry the easy steps forward have been taken, and while in no direction have we approached the limit of progress, we have little of value to hope for from chance inventions or accidental discoveries. With this fact in mind, the mechanic who desires to invent something will better understand the nature of his task and its difficulties.

Before a man wastes any time or money upon an invention, he would do well to find out whether there exists a need for the article or process he proposes to bring before the public; whether this need has been met by any one else, in the same or any other way; whether his invention will accomplish anything not already done equally well; and, what is most important, whether he knows all he can learn about the state of the art, and of such branches of applied science as may bear directly or indirectly upon the subject he is considering. The radical defect of most inventions now-a-days is that they are prematurely made public by men who have not given them proper study. They may accomplish fairly well the object sought, but no better than it is accomplished in half a dozen other ways in general use, and often not so well. We might instance a multitude of car couplings, corn planters, wooden pavements, coffee pots, &c., protected under costly letters patent, which are of no more value than so many last year's birds' nests. Had the inventors given the subjects half the intelligent study and consideration which should have been bestowed upon them, they would have either invented nothing or their work would have had some value when finished. Among the specifications and claims presented to, and in too many instances allowed by, the Patent Office, it is not unusual to find ideas as old as civilization, long ago abandoned or replaced by others of more value. No doubt a very great part of the labor expended in elaborating inventions consists in traversing ground gone over time and again by those who have made efforts in the same direction; and if inventors would take the trouble to prepare themselves for their work by reading and study, they would be saved a vast amount of unnecessary labor and a great deal of very bitter disappointments.

It is the habit of would-be inventors to essay the easy problems, already solved satisfactorily, and shirk those which are attended with serious, though not insurmountable, difficulties. For example, thousands of men have "invented" oil boxes for railway cars, and new methods of supplying oil to the journal, but not one in a thousand of them have ventured to attempt an invention which will make the ordinary oil box dust tight. The one problem is easy, and has already been solved in a dozen different ways; the other is difficult, and requires study and experiment. But the difference is just this: A new method of supplying oil to the journals of cars is not needed, and would not bring the inventor any honest return: a method of making oil boxes dust tight is very much needed, and would probably yield the successful inventor an ample fortune. We might add numerous examples of this kind, but it is unnecessary. They merely show the importance of preparatory investigation and study.

Lastly, we counsel honesty in invention. The man who steals the fruits of another man's labor, commits an act as dishonest as if he stole the savings of his wages. Dishonesty of this kind seldom prospers. Unfortunately, our patent laws legalize a great deal of this kind of piracy, and the courts afford but tardy redress to those who can support conclusive proof with the contents of a full purse.

During the week ended October 16th, the Isabella Furnace No. 2, at Etna, Pa., made 714 tons and 1240 lbs. of pig iron. The largest cast in any one day was 112½ tons, of which one-third was No. 1 and the rest No. 2. So far as we are able to state from information at hand, this is the largest amount of iron ever made in any one stack in the same space of time. It exceeds the best performances of Isabella No. 1, and gives a larger total than we have ever heard claimed for any furnace in or out of blast.

British and French Seamanship.

The English press have long delighted in ridiculing French seamanship. Even in so blundering a piece of business as the loss of the Vanguard by the Grand Duke, or the sinking of the Mistletoe by the royal yacht, Albertus, the worst of the newspapers could say was that such accidents were of the kind which might be expected in the case of vessels commanded by Frenchmen, but in the case of English vessels they were simply incomprehensible. We had a taste of this kind of criticism in the British comments upon the loss of the Ville du Havre, while, in the case of the Atlantic, it was asserted that, had Captain Williams been a Frenchman, the running of his vessel upon the rocks off Mars' Head would have occasioned no surprise. No doubt the British tars entertain a profound and honest contempt for everything that carries a French flag at sea, especially French sailors, but the records of British navigation are not so clean that the former can give quite such forcible expression to their views without inviting unpleasant comparisons.

When during the winter of 1873-4 the French Transatlantic Steamship Co. lost in rapid succession the Ville du Havre and l'Europe, and abandoned l'Amerique at sea, it did look as if the company had been peculiarly unfortunate in its choice of officers and men. Many of the circumstances attending these notable disasters certainly called for severe criticism, especially the wretched management and subsequent abandonment of l'Amerique; but a careful examination of the records of disasters to British steamers shows that the French have much to say by way of reply. Since the beginning of the present year there have been lost thirty-two British merchant steamers of large tonnage, of which the following are some of the most important:

The Royal Mail Steamship Co. lost in August the steamer Boyne, 3518 tons, on a homeward voyage from the river Platte to Southampton. She was wrecked on a reef off Brest, France. In September the same company lost the steamer Shannon, 3472 tons, at Jamaica, on a trip from Southampton to Aspinwall. Of steamers of modern sizes, we have the following: In February the Hong Kong, 1881 tons, sunk near Socotra, on her way from London to Japan; the Life Brigade, 1512 tons, bound from Liverpool to New Orleans, wrecked on Gingerbread Ground; the Soudan, 1108 tons, belonging to the African S. S. Co., wrecked at Madeira, and only one month after, the loss of the Monrovia, 1019 tons, by the same company, in the roadstead of Lagos. In March there were lost the Union Steamship Company's Celt, 2095 tons, at Queens Point; and the Maraldi, 1002 tons, of the Lambert & Hall line, at Bahia. In May the Caledonia, of the Liverpool and Bombay line, was wrecked at Point de Galle. In June the Vicksburg, 2484 tons, of the Liverpool Canadian line, was wrecked against an iceberg on a trip to Quebec. In July the John Tennant, 2293 tons, of the General Navigation Company's line, was wrecked on Cape Finisterre, on her way from Calcutta to London. Since then the steamers lost have been mostly of smaller tonnage than those mentioned, but as many have not been heard from, it is presumed that all on board perished. Even allowing for the size of the British steam marine, the proportion of losses is unprecedentedly large. The fact is in great part explained, no doubt, by the inferior character of most of the cheap iron steamers now built in England, as well as by the criminal practices of owners, to which Mr. Plimsol has called attention; but there remains enough foundation for a counter charge of bad seamanship, if the French navigators see fit to make it.

First-Class Cook Stoves and Ranges.

Under the conditions which now govern the business of stove founding, few of the large manufacturers, whose energies are chiefly directed to bringing out as great a number of novelties as possible, can afford to devote either the time or the expense to careful and accurate experiment, which is essential to the production of really first-class stoves. They are compelled to meet from year to year the changing requirements of the trade, and as few stoves now made are expected to have a run of more than two years—if as long—external appearance is of more importance than quality of materials, excellence of workmanship, durability, or convenience and economy of operation. We do not say that these considerations are wholly disregarded, for when a manufacturer gets up a new stove it may be presumed that he will make it as good as he knows how. If he makes the patterns, he will design them as well as he can; if he buys them he will probably rely chiefly upon the judgment of the pattern maker, who may or may not

have a correct and complete understanding of the requirements of a first-class stove. But while fully aware of the fact that every manufacturer would rather make good stoves than poor ones, it is evident that they do not, in most cases, know what they are going to do until it is done, nor do they know whether their new stoves will work well or not, until those who have bought them for use determine their value in every day service. If no complaints are made, the manufacturer concludes that his stove is satisfactory; if complaints are received, and stoves are returned by dealers, he begins, commonly for the first time, to try the stove for himself and see how it will work under average conditions. This hap-hazard method is, perhaps, the only one which the large stove manufacturer, who makes an extensive line of stoves, and is all the time changing his styles, can follow, but it is a wrong method, and one which will do more than anything else to bring novelties into disrepute and create a demand for a better class of stoves than can now be found in the market. We are satisfied that it is the policy of the small manufacturers at this time to devote their attention to specialties and make these specialties thoroughly good. Those who do this, while they may not make a profit as great as might be expected upon a larger production of cheap goods, will build up a reputation for their goods, and lay the substantial foundations of a trade that will not be affected by the conditions which now make stove founding a business of great risk and uncertain profit.

In the line of cook stoves, especially, there seems to be room for a great deal of profitable experiment, which only the small manufacturer seeking a high reputation can afford to make. The subject is somewhat too comprehensive to admit of exhaustive discussion in the limited space at our command, but as it is one of much interest to a very large class of our readers, we will venture a few suggestions as to the direction in which we think an important progress toward a higher standard of excellence could be made with no great outlay of capital.

Few cook stoves or ranges now in the market are as economical of fuel as they should be. The reason for this is found in the fact that a great deal of heat is wasted by radiation, or allowed to pass into the chimney with the gases generated by incomplete combustion. We know of ranges which have an enormous capacity for consuming coal, but they will broil the cook long before they do a beefsteak, and heat a kitchen above the temperature of comfort much quicker than they will boil a tea kettle. We know of a cook stove still in use in which 32 pounds of coal baked a barrel of flour. To do this the oven was filled twenty times, resulting in the production of 300 pounds of light, evenly baked bread. The conditions under which this was done were identical with those under which the stove would be used by a good housekeeper. The whole charge of 32 pounds of coal was put on when the fire was kindled, and beyond an intelligent manipulation of the dampers, the fire received no attention during the whole fourteen hours occupied in the operation. Now, we have no hesitation in saying, since the trade all know it, that not one in fifty of the first-class cook stoves now sold would begin to approximate this economy under the most favorable conditions, and the most skillful management. The best average would probably be half a barrel of flour indifferently baked with 32 pounds of fuel. To raise the standard of baking efficiency, and by so doing improve the stove, until a much greater economy of fuel than is now secured shall have been attained, should be the aim of every manufacturer of stoves who desires to make a reputation for his goods.

As now made, a very large proportion of the stoves in the market are liable to crack, and in addition to the dissatisfaction which this causes, the consumer is put to the expense and inconvenience of procuring odd plates and having them fitted, or of getting a new stove. For this cracking there is no excuse. We know of stoves which have been in the market many years which have never cracked—at least, the manufacturers have never been called upon to supply odd plates to replace those destroyed by cracking. The whole secret of making stoves which will not crack lies in the selection of suitable iron, and a proper proportioning throughout. There are points on which it is possible to get exact information by careful and intelligent experiment—and in no other way.

The best and most economical stoves ever built, judged by any generally accepted standard of excellence, have had shallow fire boxes; the whole tendency of "improvement" now-a-days seems to be to make the fire boxes of stoves and ranges narrow, long and deep. This seems to us

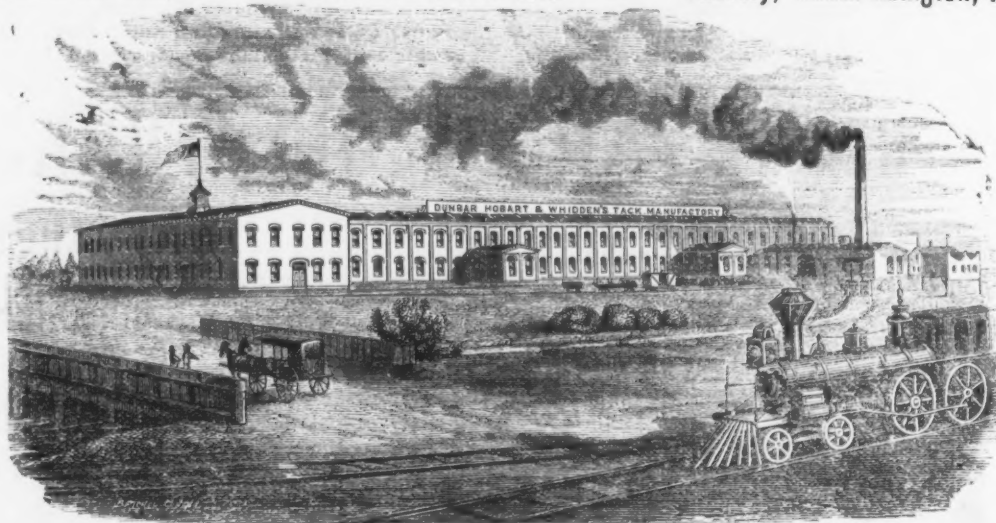
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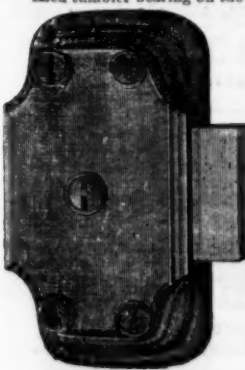
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Commercial Failures Since January 1.

Messrs. Dun, Barlow & Co. send us the following report for first three quarters of the current year, under date of Oct. 20, 1875:

The following tables show the number of failures which have occurred throughout the United States and Canada for each of the three quarters of the current year, together with the amount of liabilities:

States and Territories.	1st 3 Months.		2nd 3 Months.		3rd 3 Months.		Total for 9 Mos.	
	Number of Failures.	Amount of Liabilities.	Number of Failures.	Amount of Liabilities.	Number of Failures.	Amount of Liabilities.	Number of Failures.	Amount of Liabilities.
Alabama.....	15	\$206,000	5	\$157,000	2	\$30,000	22	\$393,000
Arkansas.....	6	76,000	12	124,000	2	21,000	20	221,000
California.....	61	675,971	55	1,831,699	49	626,441	165	3,134,111
Colorado.....	20	230,502	14	71,800	19	197,800	53	500,102
Connecticut.....	49	352,661	36	559,288	62	1,436,515	147	2,348,464
Delaware.....	5	65,000	9	69,500	1	30,000	15	164,500
District of Columbia.....	5	28,824	9	58,100	2	53,000	16	139,924
Florida.....	7	180,000	1	59,000	2	2,000	10	241,000
Georgia.....	65	1,807,200	47	2,139,880	11	371,800	123	4,318,880
Ideho Territory.....	1	3,000					1	3,000
Illinois.....	107	2,377,718	71	1,872,400	96	1,783,858	274	6,033,976
Indiana.....	80	1,615,249	65	301,134	91	1,677,139	236	2,601,012
Iowa.....	51	230,505	26	201,100	51	493,000	128	1,014,605
Kansas.....	17	53,300	10	115,500	30	314,600	57	523,400
Kentucky.....	38	1,157,000	47	1,171,300	21	201,000	106	2,529,300
Louisiana.....	8	376,931	8	17,653	8	209,000	24	702,484
Maine.....	32	329,000	22	315,000	22	259,000	76	903,000
Maryland.....	45	750,135	21	317,700	16	8,236,511	82	9,303,346
Massachusetts.....	227	6,816,800	150	4,036,700	187	4,774,821	564	15,628,321
Michigan.....	60	511,041	50	753,862	63	1,215,749	172	2,480,652
Minnesota.....	38	512,125	41	562,125	30	551,075	109	1,625,325
Mississippi.....	22	437,000	5	306,000	2	51,575	29	815,465
Missouri.....	51	1,754,231	54	1,119,062	40	552,400	145	3,425,693
Montana Territory.....					1	35,000	1	35,000
Nebraska.....	18	120,100	6	41,000	5	15,250	29	176,400
Nevada.....	9	305,800	7	47,300	7	10,500	23	417,700
New Hampshire.....	17	113,400	18	160,200	22	537,300	57	810,900
New Jersey.....	12	97,750	14	218,500	51	1,577,815	77	1,894,103
New York.....	171	3,756,800	104	1,942,339	301	2,795,117	576	8,494,256
New York City.....	197	8,494,256	138	6,277,000	211	16,953,850	546	31,696,256
North Carolina.....	17	123,029	25	263,000	44	285,000	86	671,029
Ohio.....	86	1,482,974	75	1,188,737	99	9,014,233	260	4,685,944
Oregon.....	5	88,939	8	114,000	2	7,300	15	210,448
Pennsylvania.....	152	5,423,828	133	3,693,858	131	3,972,197	416	13,091,883
Rhode Island.....	21	473,304	21	303,200	16	216,000	58	992,504
South Carolina.....	61	989,236	50	1,083,336	7	517,916	118	2,580,518
Tennessee.....	24	339,995	30	231,703	29	257,075	83	598,773
Texas.....	69	660,100	47	493,000	77	723,520	193	1,876,620
Utah Territory.....	2	44,000					2	44,000
Vermont.....	15	136,700	17	160,000	17	9,000	49	305,700
Virginia.....	37	456,665	25	347,751	28	689,451	90	1,493,867
Washington Territory.....	1	2,804					1	2,804
Wisconsin.....	57	419,284	94	752,719	47	357,924	198	1,529,927
Total.....	1,982	\$43,176,953	1,581	\$33,607,313	1,771	\$54,328,257	5,334	\$131,772,523
Dominion of Canada.....	396	\$4,141,340	432	\$7,876,104	711	\$9,891,100	1,539	\$21,908,544

Owing to the fact that this is the first year in which quarterly returns of failures have been compiled, it is impossible to institute an accurate comparison with similar periods included in the above figures. But with the total failures of previous entire years before us, divided by three-fourths, a comparative result is reached, which will be sufficient for all practical purposes:

	Total Failures for Year.	Three-fourths of Same.	Total Liabilities for Year.	Three-fourths of Same.
1872.....	4,697	3,523	\$121,056,000	\$90,794,000
1873.....	5,113	3,835	228,699,000	171,374,000
1874.....	5,830	4,373	155,239,000	116,429,000
1875, Nine Months.....	5,324	3,993	131,172,000	98,379,000

Average for 9 Months of 4 Years..... 4,160

Average for 9 Months of 4 Years..... 127,442,000

Excess in No. of Failures..... 1,174

Excess of Liabilities for past 9 Months..... \$3,730,000

In New York city the failures for the past nine months number 546, the liabilities amounting to \$31,696,256. Referring to the same number of months in previous years, we find the failures in 1874 were 483, with liabilities of \$24,000,000; in 1873 the failures were 498, with liabilities of \$69,000,000; and in 1872 the number was 515, with liabilities of \$15,000,000. Taking the average of the nine months in four years, the result is 460 failures, with average liabilities of \$35,000,000. So that, though the above figures for New York look somewhat startling, their comparison with the average of years indicates that they are not very excessive. It must also be borne in mind that, included in the failures of the past quarter, there were a few of exceptionally heavy character—four concerns alone in New York city aggregating liabilities of over eight millions of dollars. This fact also more than accounts for the increase in liabilities resulting from the failures for the entire country, as shown in the above comparative table. The increased number of failures, however, not only in New York, but in numerous sections of the country, is an important indication of the pressure of the times, and, if not accounted for, may create some apprehension as to the future.

While the figures presented above wear a discouraging aspect, it must not be forgotten that these failures are largely the result of previous misfortunes, with which the trade of the past three months is not chargeable. The effects of the panic of 1873, or rather of the excesses of which that was the climax, are seen in a great number of the casualties included in the foregoing figures. Certainly the increase in the amount of the liabilities is traceable to the attempt, on the part of some of the heaviest houses who have succumbed, to float themselves along by increasing their obligations, and otherwise postponing the evil day, in the hope of a revival of business and a return of better times, when their assets would become more realizable. Then it must be borne in mind that just such a period as this tests very severely the stability of all whose affairs are at all expanded, while those whose claims to credit rest only on previous reputation, and who have only the shell or poor remains of lost or diminished fortunes, are utterly unable to withstand the searching, realizing spirit of the day. The times are unfavorable to such as these, and the consequences are to be seen in a largely increased list of failures and heavier liabilities than in the average of years. Departure from legitimate business principles, perhaps in former years, or even of more recent occurrence, is the cause to which not a few of the failures of the last quarter can be traced, and these results are more properly chargeable to the indis-

cretions of individuals, or their want of judgment, than to a disorganized or unsafe condition of trade.

The above considerations may, in some measure, account for the increased number of failures—still, there is no denying the fact that the reduction in the volume of business, the seeming impossibility of largely reducing expenses, and, above all, the enormous number engaged in business, in proportion to the trade

to be done, even in the best of years, and which periods like the present "weed out" most effectually—these are causes for an increased failure list, which may be justly attributed to the pressure of the times. But, after all, it may be doubted if this process is an unmixt evil.

While the above figures seem to indicate a much worse condition of affairs than was supposed to exist, it is apparent that the disease with which the commercial community is affected has been one of slow development; and it by no means follows that, because the symptoms are now becoming more marked than formerly, the recovery of the patient is any the more remote. On the contrary, there are many indications of returning health and vigor. Chief among the hopeful signs of the times is the disposition to rapidly realize upon the abundant crops which have been so successfully harvested, and which must greatly increase the purchasing and debt-paying power of a large class of the community. In anticipation of this movement in crops and currency, a very fair trade has been done at almost all jobbing centers, and though business by no means attains its former volume or profitability, the results of the autumn trade are in the main encouraging.

It is true that numerous interests remain depressed; that capital continues timid and hence idle; that many manufacturers are only partially employed; that some staple articles of merchandise show no profit, while others can only be sold at a loss; and that there is much which prevents a hopeful view of business matters. But, as compared with the condition of things at this date last year, there is certainly an improved prospect. Notwithstanding the figures presented above, the year has been by no means one of disaster, and, though the process seems a slow one which leads on to prosperity, it is none the less a sure one.

That this is a general conviction in the minds of distributors of goods is best evidenced by a tendency which, while it is encouraging, is none the less dangerous. We refer to the gradual increase in the time of credit given, and the great advance in the amounts granted. An undue expansion of credits for the purpose of inducing business is an evil policy at any time, but it is peculiarly so, when economy, restricted trade, and gradual reduction of existing indebtedness should be the features of the hour. Cheap credit is the sure precursor of disaster; and, while the strongest element in the financial fabric in these trying times has been the small indebtedness, it is not difficult to see that, if the lines of credit become lax, in time, amount or character, all that now promises favorably will only contribute to hasten an unhealthy and an unsafe condition of business. If, on the contrary, a wise conservatism is practiced in this respect—if the standard of credit is elevated rather than lowered, and a rigid scrutiny made into the claims of all who seek it—the prosperity for which all pray will come as soon, and be far more likely to stay when come it does.

The results of indiscriminate credit and unwise expansion in the wrong direction are illustrated by the condition of things in Canada, as shown by the figures included in our tables. Two years ago the trade of the Dominion was in the highest degree prosperous and safe; the progress of all its leading towns was remarkable, and apparently based on the soundest principles. But largely increased bank capital, inducing liberal loans; heavy importations, necessitating free sales to weak people, and a general cheapness of credit, have, in an incredibly short time, brought about a result as startling as it is suggestive. From the figures which we furnish it will be seen that, in the last nine months, the failures in Canada have been 1569, with liabilities of nearly \$22,000,000. This, in 50,000 traders reported in the Dominion, implies that thirty in every thousand traders have succumbed to the pressure, while in the United States the figures show in the same period only eight failures in every thousand traders. Of course, the solid prosperity of the great body of the people of the Dominion is undoubtedly, and already good progress is being made toward recovery in the health of its trade, but the figures we herewith present teach the lesson that expansion in unwise credits is most delusive and dangerous.

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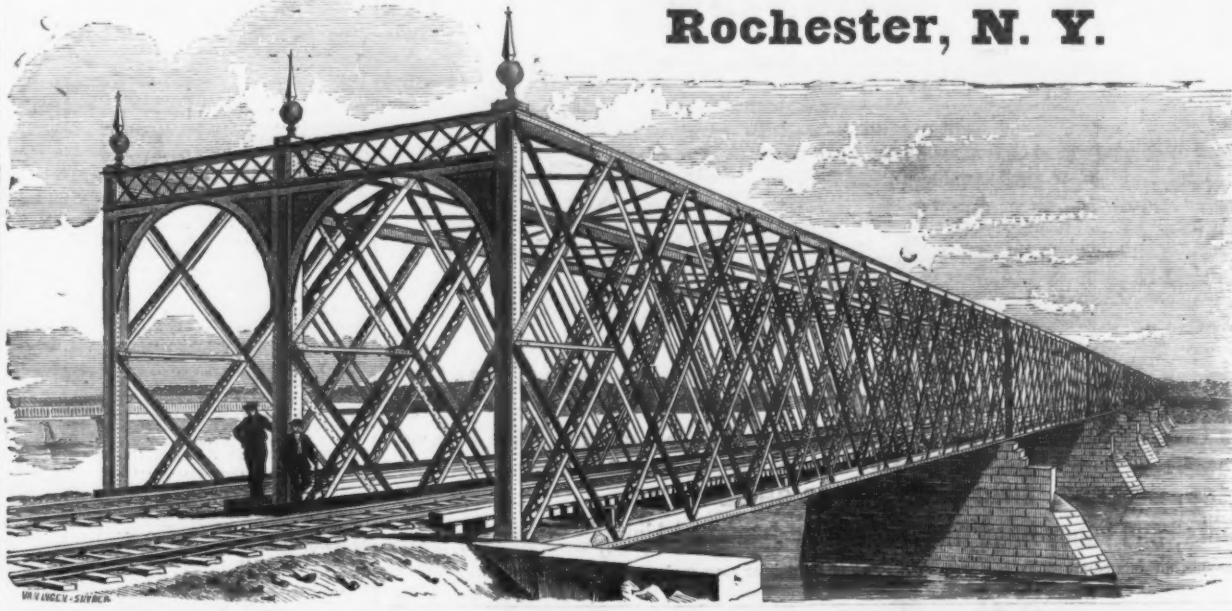
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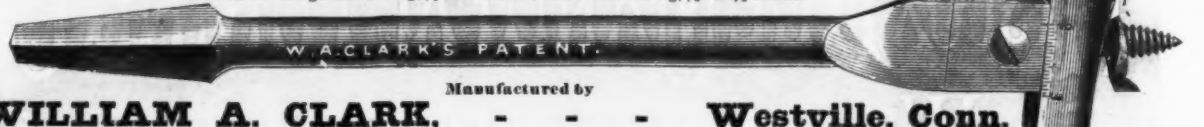
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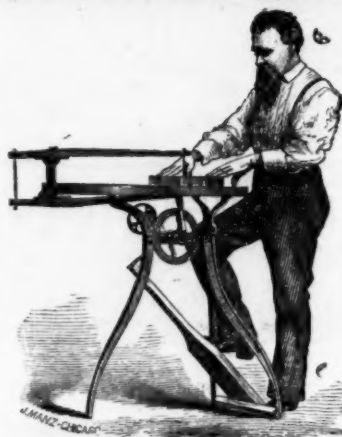
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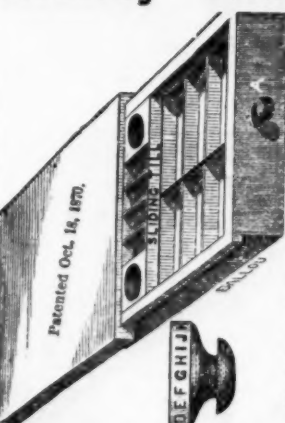
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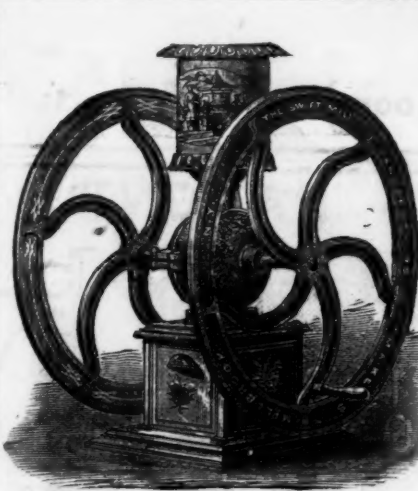
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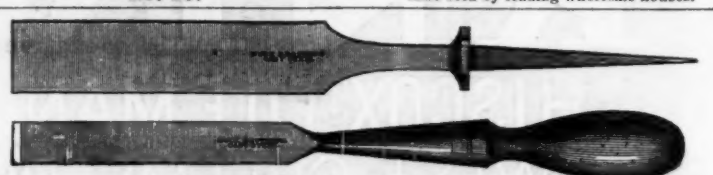


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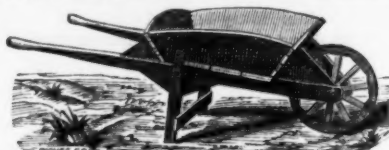
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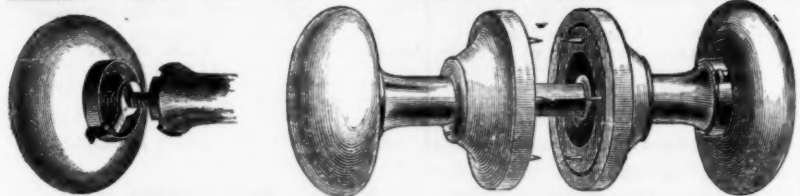
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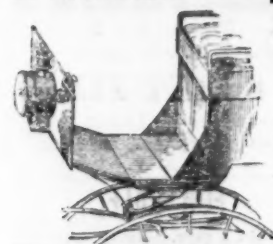
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A New Metal.

Gallium is the name given, "in honor of France," to a new element which has been discovered by M. Lecoq, an amateur savant, of Bois-Baudran, Cognac. The celebrated chemist, Wurtz, presented to the Academie des Sciences, in its sitting of September 20th, a note on the part of M. Lecoq, announcing the discovery, particulars of which had been communicated under seal as far back as August 27th. This new element has not yet been isolated, and has not therefore been seen by any one; its physical characteristics remain so far unknown. It is an analogue of zinc and cadmium, of which metals it is an alloy, and was found in a blende from Pietrafita, Spain. The forms under which it is known, so far, are those of the chloride and sulphate. The discoverer is a student of the phenomena of the spectroscopy, and it was in the course of his observations that the new metal presented itself, its character being revealed by a spectrum which no simple body had ever given. Two lines, one much brighter than the other, both situated in the violet—the region occupied by the brightest lines of the zinc—were noticed, and the place of the former line being at the 417th degree of the scale of lines, and the other at the 404th. The affinities which gallium has with zinc are declared by chemical analysis as well as by its spectrum. Like zinc it is not thrown down from solution in hydrochloric acid by sulphureted hydrogen; and preserves its analogy with zinc by being precipitated by the same gas from an acetic acid solution. Under these conditions it is obtained before the zinc, and on fractionation, the two are got separately. Like zinc, the new metal gives a white precipitate with the sulphide of ammonium. On immersing a piece of zinc in a solution of the new metal it separates and comes out, not in a metallic form, but under that of an oxide, precisely as aluminium does under similar circumstances. The analogy with aluminium, however, is not long sustained, for if a small dose of ammonia precipitates the gallium, an excess re-dissolves it. Up to the present time only a very small quantity of gallium has been obtained, but M. Wurtz, who

presented the paper, has given the Academy tubes of solution for experiment; and on asking for a commission to examine into the question and to place gallium on the list of simple bodies, the Academy named M. Wurtz himself, joining with him M. Fremy. The actual number of known elements is 63, 47 of which are metals and 16 metalloids. If the new element takes the place claimed for it, France will have obtained an honor equal to that of England, which discovered thallium, and approximative to that of Germany, the discoverer of caesium and rubidium.

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The largest hotel in the world is said to be the Palace Hotel, at San Francisco. The building is nearly finished, and was opened on October 1. It is 350 ft. long by 275 ft. wide, and is seven stories high. The architecture is peculiar—no large columns, no domes, no

arches, no pinnacles—nothing but bay windows! Every room fronting on the street has one. The entrance is in New Montgomery street through a porte cochere extending to a court 144 ft. by 84 ft., reaching to the top of the building and covered with glass. In this court will be walks, fountains, statuary, and tropical plants. On every floor a verandah, 12 ft. wide, extends entirely around the court, forming a promenade above the garden, which is to be illuminated in the evening. There are nearly 1000 rooms in the hotel and 500 bath-rooms. No room is less than 16 ft. square, and more than half are 20 ft. square. Every room has a closet, a fireplace, a French mirror, a marble mantel 6 ft. long, and standard gaslights. The height of the first story is 27 ft. 3 in.; of the second, 15 ft. 9 in.; third, 14 ft. 7 in.; fourth, 14 ft.; fifth, 13 ft. 6 in.; sixth, 13 ft. 6 in.; seventh, 16 ft. 6 in. Twenty-eight miles of carpet of ordinary width will be required to carpet the hotel. The principal dining room is 150 ft. long. The building is of brick and iron, and is considered perfectly fire-proof. The hotel and ground have already cost \$5,000,000. The furniture will cost \$1,000,000; the mirrors, \$100,000; the chandeliers, \$45,000; the silver, \$60,000; the linen, \$75,000. Mr. Sharon, the rich senator from Nevada, is the sole proprietor.

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Practical Observations Upon the Puddling Process.

BY J. M. BURTON.

Having obtained a practical knowledge of the subject by actual work at the furnace, I feel myself at liberty to offer a few observations upon the important subject of puddling.

Although the present "puddle furnace" seems the simplest and most natural construction, it passed through many curious changes before it attained its present form. Those who have any curiosity on the subject will find quite an interesting and full account of the early patents in Dr. Hermann Wedding's new work on puddling, contained in his "Ausführliche Handbuch der Eisenhüttenkunde" (page 114).

I will not undertake to describe or speak of any but the well known hand-puddle furnace, as the attempts to lessen or do away with the same, on the score of expense, by mechanical contrivances have not been so far successful as to promise general introduction. The puddling furnaces in general use in this country may be briefly described as follows.

EXTERNAL APPEARANCE.

In appearance the puddling furnace resembles a long iron chest, averaging say 12 ft. long by 5½ ft. high, with a short flue about 6 ft. long, declining rapidly from the roof of the furnace to the bottom of a tall chimney. Near the center of the furnace is a plate door, lined with fire brick, about 2 ft. square, kept in place by a bar and wedge, and raised by means of a chain and lever. In the bottom of this door is an opening 4 by 6 in., called the "working door," through which the tools are inserted when working the metal. Near one end of the furnace is another opening, about a foot square, with projecting shelf at the base, called the "Fire Hole," through which the fuel is introduced. This is closed simply with coal.

THE INTERIOR OF THE FURNACE.

First we have the "fire place," some 3 ft. square, with slightly arching roof. The depth and character of the grate depends entirely upon the nature of the fuel. With bituminous coal it has, as stated, a depth of some 3 ft. from the roof, and about one from the base of the "fire hole;" the grate is formed by plain movable bars resting on two or three supports. Next to the fire place comes the "hearth," or what might be called the "working furnace," a circular space, some 3 ft. by 4, the sides of which are composed essentially of large pieces of iron ore (magnetic and Missouri ores the best), with the space filled in with ground ore and fire clay. Spaces are left on both sides for the flame to enter and depart over what are called the "fire" and "flue bridges." The bottom or "hearth" should be perfectly smooth, and formed by the melting of wrought iron scrap. This is renewed at the end of each day's work. The roof of the entire furnace is gradually inclined toward the flue, sinking more rapidly after passing the working furnace.

The proper construction of the furnace is of the greatest importance as affecting the production of good iron, and it requires to be kept in perfect repair, otherwise the amount of heat and character of the flame get beyond the puddlers' control, and, as follows naturally, the character of the product is uncertain, causing both waste and a "raw iron." Another too frequently neglected feature is in the coal, for although one can puddle with fine or "black" coal, we do not want dust, nor, what is worse, dust soaked with rain.

A furnace should never be allowed to become perfectly cold, as the contraction of the fire brick lining is, of course, very great, causing cracks and soon necessitating repairs.

The great advantage that puddling has over all other refining processes is in the fact that a better product can be obtained from an equally impure pig. This is especially true in regard to the "boiling process," which aims at the production of a soft, fibrous, but very tough iron, called wrought or malleable iron. As this boiling of iron includes the puddling of iron and steel, and being myself more familiar with this process, I shall dwell on it more at length. "Boiling" is always carried on in "merchant mills," while "puddling" is confined to "rail" and "steel mills."

Notwithstanding the fact that nine tenths of the workmen and superintendents engaged in the manufacture of iron are lamentably ignorant of all scientific principles connected with their business, and are yet able to turn out good iron, I think it will be a matter of some interest to give a brief description of the physical appearance of the operations at the furnace, and will therefore examine concisely some of the most frequent occurring constituents of pig iron as it comes from the blast furnace:

	Gray pig.	White pig.
Iron.....	90.21	85.80
Carbon.....	3.66	3.31
Silicon.....	3.06	1.12
Manganese.....	0.93	2.72
Sulphur.....	1.14	2.82
Phosphorus.....	0.93	0.91

Carbon, undoubtedly, holds the first place in importance, as without that element the iron would be useless for commercial purposes. Eminent chemists have endeavored from the earliest times to discover a fixed union between carbon and iron, but, as Karsten declared, after investigations continued through twenty five years, there seems to be no such compound, which opinion is strongly confirmed by Percy. Karsten has, however, left us two formulae, which are still accepted by the best authorities as being the most satisfactory, and expressed by Gmelin, as "iron completely saturated with carbon, FeC" (white pig), and, "iron combined with a portion of the carbon, FeC₂" (gray pig). In other words, carbon in the chemically combined and in the mechanically diffused state (as graphite). The discussions

on this subject are most interesting, but so diffuse that I am at a loss at present how to reduce them to the limits of this article. "Spiegeleisen," the most highly carbonized and the purest of all the white irons, was first represented by Fe₃C, but owing to the rare absence of large amounts of manganese, the formula has been changed to (FeMn) C. Karl, however, in his late work, *Grundriss der Eisenhüttenkunde*, does not consider manganese a necessary constituent of spiegeleisen.

The degree of hardness of iron is dependent upon the percentage of carbon present in the combined state, and the above mentioned species is able to scratch glass and steel, allowing itself to be pulverized. Karsten gives the limit of carbon as 5.93 per cent., but most modern authors are content with 5.00 per cent. Its source is from the fuel used in the blast furnace, which comes in contact with the iron when in a state of fusion.

Silicon comes next to carbon in importance, and never occurs in the free state, either in nature or in pig metal. In nature it is found united with two atoms of oxygen to form silica (SiO₂), which is best represented by quartz sand. In the pig it appears partially as silica, and partially as silicide of iron. Its source is from the silica contained in the original ores, and from that in the fuel of the blast furnace. The value of silicon is its readiness to oxidize to silica, which, uniting with a portion of the iron, forms a cinder or slag that not only absorbs many of the impurities of the metal, but also removes the excess of carbon. It forms two important silicates of iron, called the bisilicate, with the formula FeSiO₃ or Fe₂SiO₄, and the normal or mono-silicate 2 FeSiO₃ or FeSiO₄. Both of these formulae we shall have occasion to frequently repeat.

Silicon is only useful as a mediator or carrier of oxygen to the other constituents, as it is very injurious in all the finished products of pig iron, except when present in very small quantities. It has, however, a neutralizing effect upon the injurious influence of phosphorus when present in steel, owing rather to the fact of its partially taking the place of carbon, thereby allowing a low percentage of carbon, than because of any chemical reaction in the phosphorus.

The great heat engendered by its oxidation to silica renders it an important ingredient of Bessemer pig. I subjoin a table of comparison to better illustrate the above assertion:

1 Equiv. of Si to SiO ₂ gives 6382 heat units. (Jordan).	
1 " C to CO " 2172 " (Jordan).	
1 " Fe to FeO " 4134 " (Andrews).	

Next in order comes manganese, which, in respect to the boiling process, certainly must be placed under the head of impurities, but it is the very soul of steel manufacture. Manganese is rarely found in gray pig, as the presence of only a small amount will convert the carbon from the free into the combined state. It forms, as it were, the radical of spiegeleisen, and is present in large percentages (4 to 6 per cent., and often 12 per cent., and exceptionally 20 per cent.) Percy gives, in an analysis of the celebrated ores of Southern Spain and Algiers, manganese, 16 per cent.; iron, 33-78 per cent. Percy gives in Franklinite iron, 20 per cent. The great office of manganese is in delaying or preventing the removal of carbon, which follows from two causes, viz.: it forms, with the silica, a silicate of the proto-oxide of manganese, which forms a slag that cannot dissolve the great decarburizing agent, magnetic oxide (Fe₃O₄); secondly, the slag is very thin and liquid, which protects or covers the iron from the action of the oxygen of the air.

Sulphur occurs in the pig as a sulphide of iron (FeS), and arises principally from the impurities in the ore and fuel used in the blast furnace. Sulphur and phosphorus are the great enemies of all iron manufacture, and according to Wedding, 0.6 per cent. of sulphur renders the pig iron useless for the production of wrought iron, and a far less percentage for the puddling of steel. In the Bessemer process it is removed still less; for the best quality of steel it must not exceed .01 per cent.

Sulphur is removed by oxidation, and escapes in the gaseous form as sulphurous acid (SO₂); partially, also, though in a much less degree, as a sulphide, in the cinder, under the squeezers and rolls. The same squeeze cinders which gave me, on analysis, a formidable amount of phosphorus, showed little more than traces of sulphur. Sulphur is removed very slowly, and only when exposed to a very high temperature for a considerable time.

Sulphur is the cause of the well known "red shortness" in bar iron, which is tough and fibrous at ordinary temperatures, but brittle at a low red heat. It can, however, be safely worked at a higher temperature. The tendency of both sulphur and phosphorus is to drive the carbon into the combined state.

Phosphorus is unquestionably the most injurious of all the constituents of pig iron and the most difficult to remove, and it is in reference to the removal of phosphorus that the hand puddling has such a great advantage over other methods. It is not known satisfactorily in what form phosphorus is removed, though it is considered to be principally due to oxidation to phosphoric acid (PO₅), which, uniting with the iron forming at a low temperature, a phosphate of the proto-oxide of iron (2 FeO, PO₅). This, according to Percy, can be removed in the cinder. It can also be somewhat removed under the squeezers and rolls, as a phosphide of iron (Fe₃P). The requirement of a low temperature for the removal of the phosphorus causes the necessity, in the Bessemer and Siemens-Martin processes, of using only pure pig metal. Similarly, in the blast furnace, all the phosphorus contained in the ore and fuel is reduced into the iron as a phosphide.

Phosphorus is the cause of what is called "cold-shortness" in iron and steel; that is, a brittleness at ordinary temperatures. The boiling

process has another advantage in the fact that the "cold-shortness" decreases with the removal of carbon, so that a good quality of wrought iron may contain 0.75 per cent. of phosphorus, while one richer in carbon only 0.5 per cent. In steel, the outside limit is 0.06 per cent., while 0.002 or 0.003 per cent. perceptibly lessens its resistance to blows. Percy gives a rather curious statement of Janoyer, who claims that phosphorus aids in the removal of sulphur, he having been able to produce a neutral iron by use of ores which contained 0.2 per cent. of phosphorus from an otherwise red-short product.

White pig iron may be distinguished from the gray by the fact of its carbon being in the chemically combined state, as well as in larger percentage. White pig is not generally as pure as the gray, owing to the presence of sulphur and phosphorus.

With regard to the boiling process, it is rarely ever used alone, as it does not generally contain sufficient silicon (.01 to 1.0 per cent.) to form the refining slag. It is also apt to lose its carbon too quickly, so that the particles weld together before they are properly refined. One or two pieces of white pig can be advantageously used with a charge of gray pig, as the latter generally contains more silicon (2 to 3 per cent.) than is necessary for the proper slag. Karl gives the melting point of white iron at from 1500° to 1600° C.; gray at 1000° to 1700° C., and wrought iron at 2000° C., a temperature which is barely obtainable in the puddle furnace. (To be continued.)

Raising Perry's Flagship.

The following facts of interest in regard to Perry's flagship, the Lawrence, are from the *Cleveland Plaindealer*:

After the Lawrence had become disabled in the battle of Lake Erie, it will be remembered that Perry left her during the engagement, and made the Niagara his flagship until the close of the fight. The Lawrence with great difficulty was gotten into the port of Erie, the port at which she was built, and after rounding the peninsula, floated up Misery bay unmanageable. The next year, 1814, she was refitted and sent against the forts at Mackinac. Proving unworthy from the terrible drubbing of the English the year previous, she was brought back to Erie and sunk in Misery bay, and has lain there ever since, doing duty as a house for the numberless black bass which could always be caught among her timbers, and a point of interest to be visited by curiosity hunters. Enough "Flagship Lawrence canes" have been sold to build four such vessels, beside the real canes, etc., that have been made from her timbers. The vessel was built by Daniel Dobbins, whose widow now lives, or did live, a few years ago, in Erie, and who, while her husband was getting out timbers, etc., for the fleet, boarded Commodore Perry and his staff. When the writer of this saw her last, in 1871, she was a smart old lady, 94 years old, and bid fair to live to 100. We quote from the *Erie Dispatch*:

The glory of one of the chief points of interest in the harbor of Erie—that which hung around the place hallowed by the remnants of Perry's victorious flagship, the Lawrence—has departed. Her remains have been lifted from their quiet resting place under the waters of Misery bay, and carried shoreward to the edge of the peninsula, bringing to view the historic relic.

The removal is looked upon with disfavor by the majority of our citizens, and it is not to be wondered at, as the Lawrence had been lying there so long that she was accounted public property, and in the summer time was visited by hosts of strangers—the framework on one side being visible—to whom, as well as to our own citizens, it was an object of greater interest.

The remains are a queer looking mass. The port side has been cut down nearly to the keel, planking having been torn off and ribs sawed off by those who thought it was no harm to steal a piece of wood off the Lawrence, and that this has been kept up until, at least, a third of her bottom has gone. The Lawrence lay on her starboard side, and that side is therefore tolerably whole to the deck beams (upper works all gone years ago), and the timber is, in general, sound and in good condition, but is a purplish black—the result of the action of the water.

Of the twenty-seven killed in that naval engagement twenty-two were killed on the Lawrence, on board of which was the intrepid Perry, whose monument ornaments our public square. The Lawrence was 100 feet long, 28 feet beam and 9 feet depth of hold. In her time she was a model war vessel, but in these days of iron clads, monitor rams and heavy armament she would not last as long in an engagement as a yawl boat in a hurricane. She fulfilled her mission, however, and gave our English cousins cause to remember her contemporary and Perry's famous victory.

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C. KIRCHHOFF,
Metal Reporter of "The Iron Age,"
Box 3091, New York P. O.

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The gun works are only moderately well engaged, mostly on cores, &c., for our own government, or for France and Italy. The steel castings for half a dozen 100 ton guns to be made by Sir W. Armstrong & Co. for the Italian government are being made here.

The railway wagon manufacturers are doing a steadily good business, the recent and current great extensions of colliery and iron works enterprise having caused a growing and large demand for wagons, suited for the traffic arising in consequence thereof. The engineering establishments are rather irregularly engaged at present, some of them having good commissions in hand, while others lack orders in a very marked degree; the Yorkshire Engine Works are, I understand, still turning out Fairlie bogie engines for Peru and elsewhere, and are doing pretty well with their Perkins' patent engines.

The steam plowing works at Leeds are doing a good business, as also are several houses at Barnsley and Sheffield in special tools. The Round Foundry, chiefly owned by Messrs. Smith, Beacock & Tannett, at Leeds, was nearly destroyed by fire on Tuesday night, the damage being estimated at £30,000. Over 1000 men are thrown out of employment. The buildings were four stories in height, were used as a light tool manufactory, &c., and were erected a good many years back by the well known Matthew Murray.

The members of the North of England Institute of Engineers will visit Leeds on October 13, and Barnsley and Sheffield on October 14 and 15 respectively. They will visit all the leading collieries and iron works at each place, and there will be a dinner each evening at 6 o'clock.

The dispute at the Paigaiton Iron Works is still unsettled, and likely to remain so. The men are appealing to other districts for sympathy and support. The dispute at the Round Foundry, Barnsley, has been settled by a compromise, but other troubles have arisen at some of the neighboring collieries.

A petition in bankruptcy has been filed in the Sheffield County Court by Messrs. Marsden & Stokes, carrying on business as iron and steel merchants in Broad street, Sheffield. The liabilities are set down at between £5000 and £6000, and the assets are probably three-fourths that amount. Mr. Kidd Percy, Charlton Iron Company, has been appointed trustee. Mr. Taylor, Sheffield, dealer in art bronzes, &c., has filed a petition—liabilities £5000.

The cutlery manufacturers are still not very briskly engaged, with the few exceptions of those who have good brands or special qualities to fall back upon in the absence of ordinary orders. A good deal of interest has been excited by the fact that

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has been, or I should say, is being, created out of the well known firm of George Wostenholm & Son. Everybody knows that George Wostenholm & Son have carried on business at the Washington Works, Wellington street, Sheffield, and that their double carbonized "IXL" mark is held in high estimation in the United States, as well as in this country. The capital of the new company is £100,000 in 1000 shares of £100 each, £30 of which are to be paid on allotment, and a further £10 per annum until £50 per share has been paid. The vendor, Mr. George Wostenholm, guarantees a minimum dividend of 10 per cent. for a period of five years. I may just add that Mr. Wostenholm will be the chairman and managing director, and that among the other directors will be Mr. Thomas Jessup, a sterling business man, and Mr. Bernard Wake. It is said that there are already more applications for shares than can be satisfied. About 1000 hands are employed at the works, and there is no doubt that the business is capable of being extended.

UNWIN & RODGERS (LIMITED).

This also is a new Sheffield "limited" company formed to acquire and carry on an old established cutlery business. Messrs. Unwin & Rodgers have long carried on business at the Globe Works, Pontefract Road, Sheffield. The capital of the company is £40,000, in 8000 shares of £5 each. The purchase money for the land, works, &c., is £26,000, the vendor to receive £3000 in cash, and leave £18,500 upon mortgage, the balance of the purchase money to be taken in fully paid up shares in the company. The stock, tools, &c., will be taken at a valuation. The profits realized by the firm for some years past are said to have been 15 to 17½ per cent.

SINGULAR ERROR IN THE TRADE MARK BILL.

The Sheffield Daily Telegraph has the following: "We understand that in the passage of the Trade Marks bill from the Commons to the Lords, the word 'any' has been somehow omitted. This little word, unimportant as it may appear, may have a serious effect on nearly 2500 local trade marks. The wording of the clause, as suggested by the Cutlery Company, defined a trade mark as any distinctive symbol or any combination of letters or figures. The second 'any' is omitted; and the act as it stands, therefore, requires the trade mark to be a distinctive combination of letters or figures. Many Sheffield merchants use letters as a trade mark, and if the act is interpreted according to its letter, and not to its spirit, the trade marks of many Sheffield manufacturers would be placed in a peculiar position. Mr. Mundella, M. P., who had a good deal to do with the insertion of the clause required by the Cutlery Company, will doubtless be asked to introduce a new act to amend this singular error."

BIRMINGHAM AND THE UNITED STATES.

I am indebted to Mr. Gould, United States Consul, at Birmingham, for the following correct statement of business done with the United States from the Birmingham district during the four quarters of the year ending September, 30th, 1875:

	Ending Dec. 31.	Ending Mar. 31.	Ending June 30.	Ending Sept. 30.	Total.
Hardware, cutlery, steel, iron, sheet metal, iron boiler, pipes, rivets, & vises.	49,762	44,410	27,763	42,116	163,851
Tin plates.	13,541	5,068	7,993	10,431	37,033
Chains & hoses.	3,152	2,406	8,993	2,014	10,565
Sailry & skins.	7,890	1,065	1,534	539	10,973
Guns & implements.	80,544	17,323	8,708	7,035	113,590
Needles & buttons.	5,014	5,530	3,061	5,000	18,605
Chemicals & phosphorus.	19,659	18,525	31,706	43,450	112,340
Root materials.	14,939	20,925	18,364	19,580	68,708
Glassware.	6,788	7,940	8,288	10,953	33,970
Pens and tips.	3,439	5,403	3,310	3,383	15,535
Fancy goods.	8,560	3,711	3,586	4,071	19,930
Jewels, watches, sundries.	5,070	5,066	8,385	8,683	27,204
Total for Birmingham.	24,291	12,725	14,670	30,033	71,729
Leicester agency.	7,379	3,155	3,104	4,281	18,819
Kidderminster agency.	189,683	145,869	130,405	177,660	643,557
Wolverhampton agency.	28,925	37,560	15,094	31,008	112,587
Redditch agency.	13,008	15,308	1,583	19,137	49,036
Total for Birmingham and district.	181,161	9,655	9,730	7,028	41,576
Total for Birmingham and district for the year ending September, 30, 1875.	28,337	48,225	30,885	29,889	137,336

There is no material alteration to note in connection with these localities since I last wrote, the iron trade being, as usual, very quiet at the end of the quarter. At the finished iron works some pressure is being exerted in order to get shipping orders out of hand, and there is, consequently, a temporary and phenomenal scarcity of labor at some of the larger establishments. All quotations for iron are steadily firm from this cause, and owing to the apprehension that coal is again becoming dearer, hence it is very uncertain indeed what course may be taken by the iron masters at this week's quarterly meetings. A reduction appears to be highly improbable, yet there are people to be found who are "confident" that at least 10 per ton must be taken off the list price of bars if any business worthy of the name is intended to be done between now and Christmas. Such a drop may be declared, but I think it somewhat improbable, and shall not be very greatly surprised to learn that an advance of similar amount is intended. The hardware branches of industry are fairly well employed, particularly the tool, jewelry, hollow ware, tinned and enameled goods, and copper trades. There is also a steady run upon buttons, brass and iron bedsteads and gas fittings.

SOUTH WALES.

In some of its unfortunate aspects, has been referred to in another portion of this communication, to which I will not, in consequence, again allude in detail. The iron works are still doing very little business, there being but a few light orders for iron rails in hand. These are being executed at a trifle under £7 per ton. Steel rails are quoted £9, f. o. b. Cardiff or Newport. The rails made for Italy, Russia, Finland and South America. There is very little doing in tin plates, the prices of which are very low indeed.

THE METAL MARKETS.

were rather unsettled at the beginning of the week, but later on grew steadier, and a few good transactions resulted. Messrs. Von Daelzen & North, say: "Copper.—A considerable amount of business has been done, at an advance of 20 per ton in Chili bars, which are now quoted £82. 10/ cash, f. o. b., and 10/ extra for named brands. There being very little available Australian copper, prices are quoted nominal, viz.: Wallaroo, £93; Barra, £89. 10/; English fairly steady. Tin.—A large business has taken place since our last, and at one time an important advance in price was established, which, however, has not been maintained. Straits changed hands from £83 to £88, cash, and up to £87 for forward delivery and shipment, but is now fully £2 per ton lower both spot and forward. Australian, after touching £85, has given way to £84, public sale on the 29th ult., realized 52½d., equal to about £90. 10/ laid down here. Biliton is quoted 50½d. English firm. Tin plates are unaltered in price, and the demand is no better. Lead is, if anything, a little quieter; £23 the price for good soft English pig. Spelter.—Nothing officially reported. The market is steady, at £25 Shesman, spot and forward; special brands, £25. 10/; Quicksilver.—£14. 10/ per bottle.

The Mining Journal remarks: "Copper.—The market opened quiet at the beginning of the week, and Chili bars, g. o. b., were dealt in in small parcels at £81. 10/ to £81. 15/ usual cash terms, and best brands, £83. On Tuesday the market stiffened, and a larger business was effected at slightly advanced quotations. G. o. b., £82, and Lota at Swansea, £82. 5/; cash; and g. o. b., with long prompts, £81. 15/. On Wednesday the improvement of the previous days was maintained, and business became more general. G. o. b. again changed hands at £82; named brands, £82. 10/ to £82. 15/; and best brands, £84, cash. Yesterday a cargo of ore realized 16.6, and regulus, 17. Chili bars were sold, g. o. b., £82. 5/ to £82. 10/ cash. To-day the market is firm, but without any material alteration in the price of bars. Tough is quoted £88; best select, £94; strong select, £95; India sheets, £94, and yellow metal, 7½ to 8½. The market has been quiet but firm, and no alteration in the rates has taken place. Good soft English pig, £23 to £23. 5/; soft Spanish, without silver, £23. 15/. Spelter.—Silesian rules about £25. Stock in London on Sept. 30, only 82 tons. Quicksilver.—Business has been done at £14. 10/ at which quotation the market closes. Tin.—The market has been strong throughout the week, with some little fluctuation, and the Dutch Trading Company's sale of 22,900 slabs of Banca has gone off without any material alteration at 54½d. to 55½d., average 55½d., or equal to about £90. 10/ laid down here. Straits rule at about £86; Australian, £84. Tin plates.—There may be a little more doing in tin plates, but the trade is still very dull."

Messrs. J. Berger Spence & Co.'s circular to-day reports: "Copper is again firmer, and a large business may be reported, at an advance of 30 to 35 upon last week's quotations. At the Swansea sale, on the 29th ult., the Bolivian ore and regulus realized 16.3 and 16.9 respectively; while 100 tons Chilian Regulus, to arrive, were disposed of at 17 per ton. The transactions in tin have been of a very animated character until within the last few days, when a reaction set in, and quotations receded from £88 to £85. 10/ for Straits. Lead is steady at previous rates, while spelter remains firm and unchanged."

Messrs. Vivian, Bond & Watson (Liverpool) say: "Copper.—In the early part of the past fortnight the market gave way somewhat, a few transactions in bars taking place at £81 to £81. 10/. Our Liverpool holders did not, however, meet the market, and little or no copper changed hands here at the decline. For the last few days a large business has been done at £82 to £82. 10/ spot and about for g. o. b.'s, and up to £83 to £83. 10/ for choice and best brands. In furnace material a cargo of Bolivian ore and regulus, to arrive at Swansea, sold at 16.3 for ore and 16.9 for regulus, and 100 tons Chili regulus to arrive for here at 17 per ton. At the Swansea sale, 28th inst., 951 tons ore, average produce, 21½ per cent., sold at an average of 16.6 per ton, the Cape ore averaging 22½ per cent., bringing 16.8½ per ton. The Chili charters for first half of this month were advised by cable, 16th inst., as 2400 tons fine, viz., 1300 tons bars and ingots and 900 tons fine ore and regulus, for England, 100 tons bars for the Continent, and 200 tons in bars for the United States. Tin.—The market has been helped by speculators, and is about 45 per ton dearer during the fortnight, Straits having sold as high as £86, cash; Australian, £84; and English ingots, £90 to £91. Little or nothing done in Peruvian; value, £73 to £77. The Banca sale yesterday went rather slow; average, 52½ florins, equal to about 91 laid down in London. The market was rather quieter at the close."

Messrs. Harrington, Horn & Co. (Liverpool): "Arrivals here during the fortnight of West Coast, S. A. produce—Aconaque, from Valparaiso, 247 tons bars, 300 tons ingots, 5 tons Barilla; Maravilla, from Valparaiso, 135 tons bars; Grace Gibson, from Valparaiso, 15 tons bars; Montezuma, from Valparaiso, 10 tons bars; South Glen, from Valparaiso, 17 tons bars; American, from Colon, 31 tons bars. At Swansea—Alpha, from Pena Blanca, 585 tons regulus; Pacific, from Gatico, 610 tons ore; Lord Marston, from Lota, 725 tons bars; Hawkeye, from Carrizal, 740 tons regulus; Epillon, from Tocopilla, 360 tons ore, 450 tons regulus. Stocks of copper (Chilian Bolivian) in first and second hands, likely to be available, we estimate at:

Ores.	Regulus.	Bars.	Ingots.	Barilla.
Liverpool	9,663	628	...	...
Swansea	979	2,474	...	...
Total	979	12,137	628	...

representing about 12,366 tons fine copper, against 13,475 tons Sept. 15; 15,500 tons, S. A. Sept. 30, 1874; 20,600 tons, Sept. 30, 1873; 21,000 tons, Sept. 30, 1872. Stock of Chili copper in Havre, 15,000 tons fine. Stocks of Chili copper afloat and chartered to date, 13,168 tons fine."

Latest Liverpool iron and metal prices are:

Iron: f. o. b. in Liverpool, per ton.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Merchant bar	7	17	6	8	5	0
Merchant bar, in Wales	7	7	6	7	15	0
Staffordshire	8	10	0	11	15	0
Roof	9	15	0	10	15	0
Sheet	11	5	0	11	15	0
Nail rod	8	15	0	9	5	0
Bar, best crown	8	10	0	8	15	0
Boiler plates	11	5	0	12	0	0

Tin Plates: f. o. b. in Liverpool, per box.

Charcoal, I. C.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Coke, I. C.	1	2	0	1	4	0

Copper: Delivered in Liverpool, per ton.

Bolt and Sheathing	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Tile	88	0	0	90	0	0
Tough cake	87	0	0	89	0	0
Best selected	90	0	0	91	0	0

Fair of the American Institute.

We find on taking a careful survey of the Fair that our first estimate of it is by no means a wrong one. Several novelties have come in since our last visit, and others have been set up and got ready for exhibition. The exhibit of W. L. Chase & Co., of 95 and 97 Liberty street, is especially worthy of notice. Among the articles are a number of Stiles & Parker presses, one of which we illustrate on the first page of this issue. We also note a new drawing press driven by a cam motion and crank. The motions are so combined as to give a very quick return motion. The press has an adjustment to regulate the length of stroke, patent stop motion, and is back geared. A friction roll drop press with N. C. Siller's improvements is also on exhibition. It seems particularly suited for light metal work. A number of foot lathes made by W. L. Chase & Co. are especially worth attention for beauty and accuracy of workmanship and convenience. They are made up in five sizes, with 8 or 6 inches swing, and various lengths of bed. Another article in this exhibit is well worth notice, a "No. 4 double press," by Stiles & Parker, intended for shearing and punching. It will punch a three-quarter inch hole in three quarter inch iron 18½ inches from the edge.

B. L. Ackerman, 317 and 319 West 4th street, has a case of automatic screw wrenches, which, from appearances, and a drawing of the construction, we should judge were of considerable value. The workmanship seemed very good.

H. Hammond, of Hartford, Conn., has a very pretty caseful of steel and iron drop forgings and hammers in different stages of manufacture. Many of them resembled fine castings rather than forgings, and even on close examination they seemed rather like articles cast in a mold than brought up under a drop.

H. A. Rogers, 19 John street, exhibits a case of very fine taps and dies, and tap wrenches by Pratt & Whitney, of Hartford, Conn. These tools have many new features in the way of holding and adjusting the dies, and in the shape of the dies themselves. The chief feature of the exhibit is a new screw cutting machine for threading bolts; this, if we are not mistaken, is the first machine of the pattern that has been put into the market. It is very convenient and finely finished.

G. & H. Barnett File Works have a very fine case of files. The establishment is represented in this city by Thomas Taylor, 43 Chambers street.

George Place, 121 Chambers street, has a very large and interesting exhibit, consisting of a Harris Corliss steam engine, lathes, cold rolled sheeting, vertical drills, bolt cutler, car wheel borer, forges, band and circular saws, pulleys and hangers. Altogether this is one of the largest exhibits of the Fair, and is very showy. The machines themselves are of high class both in design and workmanship.

Some Recent Developments in the Technology of Iron.

Furnace Capacity and Its Economical Aspects in England.

It would be futile to attempt to determine with any precision the dimensions of the primitive blast furnace, or even at what period it was discovered that there were certain advantages to be gained by aiming at the production of a metal which could be run in a fluid mass from the hearth, over the original method of producing a nearly infusible bloom of malleable iron direct from the ore. It is probable that the wolf furnace, or *blaufen* (the highest development of the first rough ore-hearth), in which the metal was reduced into a steely mass, requiring to be extracted bodily from the furnace crucible, gradually attained such dimensions that the reduced metal in its descent through the longer column of fuel became sufficiently carburized to constitute an easily fusible metal or charcoal pig. It would soon be discovered that tapping a fluid was an easier process than hewing and dragging out the wolf, and the blast furnace and its product have established their place in metallurgy.

It appears that the blast furnace was introduced into England from the Continent about the reign of Edward IV., though there is some evidence of a knowledge of cast iron a century before. The early canon used by Edward III. in his French wars, which Scrivenor apparently regards as the first examples of casting, were unquestionably constructed of malleable iron, being built up of bars round a central core, on the same system which has been recently successfully resuscitated. Camden, however, writing in the reign of Elizabeth, makes special mention of the casting of cannon as one of the leading industries of Sussex. The parents of

the monster structures in which the extraction of iron is now conducted, were apparently about 12 feet high and of a proportionately small diameter, and these very moderate dimensions were only very cautiously extended. The difficulty of maintaining a blast, with the inadequate apparatus then available, powerful enough to penetrate a considerable column of materials, for at least a couple of centuries rendered a height of 25 or 30 feet the maximum attainable. So lately as the end of the last century 35 to 38 feet was the normal height in England, while the charcoal furnaces of the Continent were on a correspondingly smaller scale.

In 1790 the average annual production of pig iron in England was a trifle over 1000 tons, though in Scotland the celebrated Carron Works turned out over 1500 tons per furnace. In France, at the commencement of the present century, there was but a single coke furnace—that of Creusot—in existence. For the next fifty years there was a gradual increase in the average capacity of the blast furnace, though in no proportion to the growth of the trade, which in the same period had increased tenfold. Scrivenor estimates the average dimensions at the end of the first decade of the century as 40 feet in height, 11 feet in the boshes, and 3½ feet at the tunnel head. In 1830, according to Gruner, the average capacity in England was 2000 cubic feet, and in Wales from 2300 to 2500 cubic feet. There was, however, then in existence at Dowlais a furnace of 3200 cubic capacity, though Mushet speaks of the Plymouth furnaces 40 feet high, 18 feet in diameter and with 7000 cubic feet capacity, making 120 tons a week, as the largest in South Wales. Between the years 1806 and 1847 it appears that the average production of the English blast furnace had increased from 1540 tons to 4500 tons per annum, but the whole of this increase, or even the greater part of it, cannot be assigned to increased dimensions, for in the interval the hot blast and improved blast engines worked by steam power had enormously increased the productive power of the old furnace.

From the year 1851, in which the first Cleveland furnace was erected, with a height of 42 feet and 15 feet boshes, the history of the further development of the blast furnace merges into an account of the gradual enlargement of almost each successive furnace built in the Cleveland district. In 1853 Bolckow and Vaughan's second series of furnaces were constructed, with a height of 54 feet, boshes of 15 feet and a capacity of 7166 cubic feet. Just ten years after the first furnace of the district had been blown in, a new impulse to the progressive increase in size was given by the success of a furnace having, with a height of 60 feet, the hitherto unparalleled capacity of nearly 13,000 cubic feet. In another five years 20,000 cubic feet capacity and 75 feet in height had been attained. In 1868 Bolckow and Vaughan again came to the front with their 95½ feet furnaces, having a capacity of 28,500 cubic feet. But still higher structures were in progress; Cochrane's Ormesby furnaces, with a height of 92 feet, unite a capacity of 41,000 cubic feet and 42,500 cubic feet respectively; but even these have been eclipsed by the giant furnaces of Ferryhill, of which the earlier group exceed 102 feet in height, while the culminating magnitude is reached by the new Ferryhill furnace, 105 feet high with 33 feet boshes, and a capacity of over 50,000 cubic feet.

The energetic Cleveland metallurgists have been followed in their vigorous enterprise by other districts, only with very hesitating steps. In Lancashire and Cumberland some 70 feet furnaces have been erected, but the majority of the western coast iron masters adhere to 55 or 60 feet as the maximum height. In Staffordshire, though it has been demonstrated in more than one instance that the maximum profitable dimensions have not been reached, it is doubtful if the last quarter of a century, which has seen the birth of England's furnaces increase their dimensions fourfold, has increased the average capacity of the Staffordshire furnace by 50 per cent. At Lilleshall, in Shropshire, an old furnace heightened to 71 feet might, by its excellent performance, have encouraged contiguous works to a bolder policy. In West Yorkshire the fact of the Bowling Company having blown in a furnace of 55 feet is considered noteworthy. In the new iron district of central England a good start has been made with a 70 foot furnace. In Wales the iron masters have proved so strictly conservative that a 55 foot furnace at Dowlais, with a little over 8000 cubic feet capacity, still holds the lead, as it did 50 years ago. It would seem, nevertheless, that this adherence to the old type is not altogether blind, since from this very furnace as much as 500 tons of Bessemer pig has been lately run in a week. A 70 foot stack at the Victoria Works, near Trefgar, is reported to give unsatisfactory results. We also hear of a 60 foot stack being put up ten years ago by the Ebbw Vale Company, which had a capacity of 16,000 cubic feet. In Scotland the limit of 62 feet has, so far as we are aware, been exceeded only by the Ferrie furnaces (of which more will be said later), and the Almond and Summerlee stacks.

On the Continent the dimensions adopted, even in recent years, differ very widely. Excluding charcoal furnaces, which are necessarily of inferior magnitude, it would appear that 50 feet is the greatest average height; though in Luxemburg we have furnaces of 65 feet, in Moravia 61 feet, in Belgium of 60 feet, at Creusot of 54 feet, at Marseilles of 60 feet, and others of equal, and exceptionally of greater height. The tendency to gradual and cautious enlargement may be illustrated by the history of the Gleiwitz furnaces, as recorded in the pages of Iron, while at the Koenigsbutter Works we find stacks increasing from 38 feet in 1829 to 47 feet in 1855 and to 48 feet in 1865, but decreasing to 43 feet in 1872; the capacity

for the same furnaces being 1500, 4400, 6000 and 7500 cubic feet respectively. A 30 foot bosh is rarely, if ever, met with in Continental practice, though we find a 50 foot furnace 18 feet in the boshes.

In America—the quarter whence we have most to fear severe competition—a natural love for "bigness" has, perhaps, assisted their appreciation of the advantages of magnitude in blast furnace economy. By this it may be, it is certain that in the years immediately preceding the crisis, which proved so disastrous to an industry which protection had fostered into an astonishing but unsubstantial prosperity, numerous furnaces of extensive proportions sprang up in all quarters of the States. The change in opinion which led to their construction was even more rapid than in England. Till a few years back it was held that the maximum height for a coke furnace was 50 feet, and for an anthracite furnace 5 or 6 feet less. About the year 1863, however, it appears from Percy's work that in the Lehigh district there were furnaces of 60 feet, with 14 to 23 feet boshes; though the Thomas furnace, which Dr. Percy speaks of as pre-eminent "for beauty, size and convenience of build," with a height of considerably less than 55 feet united a width at the bosh of 18 feet. How considerably these measurements have been recently exceeded will be perceived from the following list of some modern stacks:

	Isabella, Allegheny	Franklin, N. J.	Stanley, N. J.
Height in feet	75	75	67
Width of bosh	18	20	21
Capacity cubic feet	12,800	14,000	15,000

In the last half century it has been calculated that the average height of the Pennsylvania furnaces has increased from 40 to 60 feet, or 50 per cent., while the average diameter has increased in equal proportions. In the Western States there are several furnaces of 15,000 cubic feet, Chicago boasting of at least two of 17,500 cubic feet and 85 feet in height. The palm, however, would be carried by the Carondelet stack of 100 feet high and 25 feet diameter; but this has not, it is believed, ever been completed. In the Witherbee's furnace, New York State, of 65 feet height, the American's certainly possess by far the largest charcoal furnace that has ever been built.

It should be remembered that the successive extensions of capacity, by which in one generation the maximum capacity of the Cleveland blast furnace has been increased eightfold, were not carried out as the result of theoretical investigations and under scientific advice, but that each advance was purely tentative, being based on the assumption that as all prior augmentations of capacity had proved advantageous, it might very possibly prove that a still further progression would be followed by similar success.

The average production of the best constructed furnaces in 1850 would hardly exceed 120 tons per week, while the Ferryhill Works are equal to a production of nearly five times that amount, and several of the Clarence furnaces turn out over 18,000 tons per annum, against the maximum 6000 tons of their predecessors.

In the United States the increase of productive capacity is equally marked. The Isabella furnace (No. 1) has made 112 tons of pig in 24 hours, and on several occasions, so far, maintained this rate as to make 700 tons per week. The Lucy furnace makes 475 tons of Bessemer pig in a week. Even the charcoal furnaces, recently built, frequently run 140 tons a week, while several exceed 175 tons a week.

On the Continent, probably the largest production is reached by the Esch-sur-Alzette works, which turn out, using a very lean ore, nearly 700 tons a week.

Though here, again, the whole increase of production is not due to increased size, but partly to improved methods of charging, a hotter blast and other subsidiary improvements. To these combined causes, and mainly to the increased capacity, must also be ascribed an economy in Cleveland of 7 or 8 cwt. of coke per ton, and, according to Gjers, this has been accompanied by a notable improvement in quality "the pig iron being more highly carbonized and more uniformly soft throughout, than it originally was."

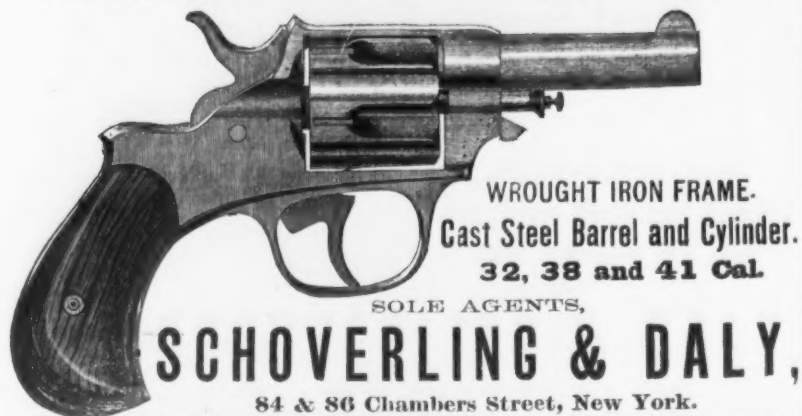
We have said that the Cleveland iron masters were guided rather by practical experience than scientific reasoning in the construction of their furnaces; and it is a curious illustration of the extent to which this thoroughly English adherence to practical, in preference to theoretical, deductions has been carried, that the more recent developments of blast furnace construction have been carried out in direct opposition to the warnings and vigorously enunciated opinions of one who is acknowledged to be the highest authority on the theory of blast furnace economy. Mr. Bell has throughout maintained that an increase of dimensions beyond 13,000 or 14,000 cubic feet is unnecessary and uneconomical; so that, on this basis, the most recent furnaces are at least thrice as large as sound judgement would dictate.—Iron.

The Newark Industrial Exposition.

The Newark Exposition, which for several years past has been gaining a very enviable reputation all over the country, has this year been extended in its scope to include the whole State of New Jersey. As usual, the exhibition is of a practical nature, the class of work shown being of a character to interest the practical man rather than to afford a brilliant show.

In the machine department, the first article to attract attention is a universal shaping machine and a gear cutter, by Oal & Hauschild, 57 and 61 Pas-sic ave., East Newark. The first of these machines has some points worthy of

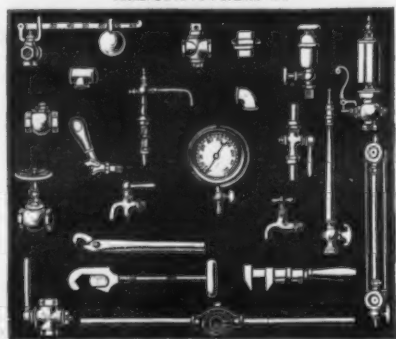
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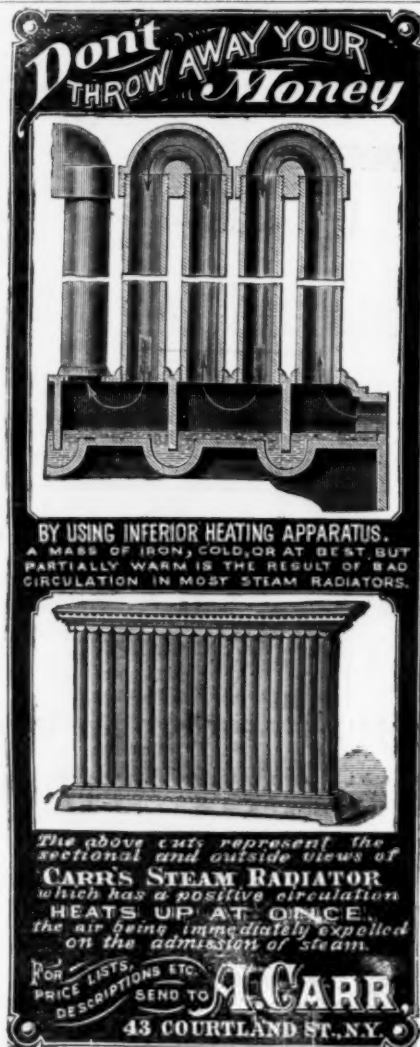


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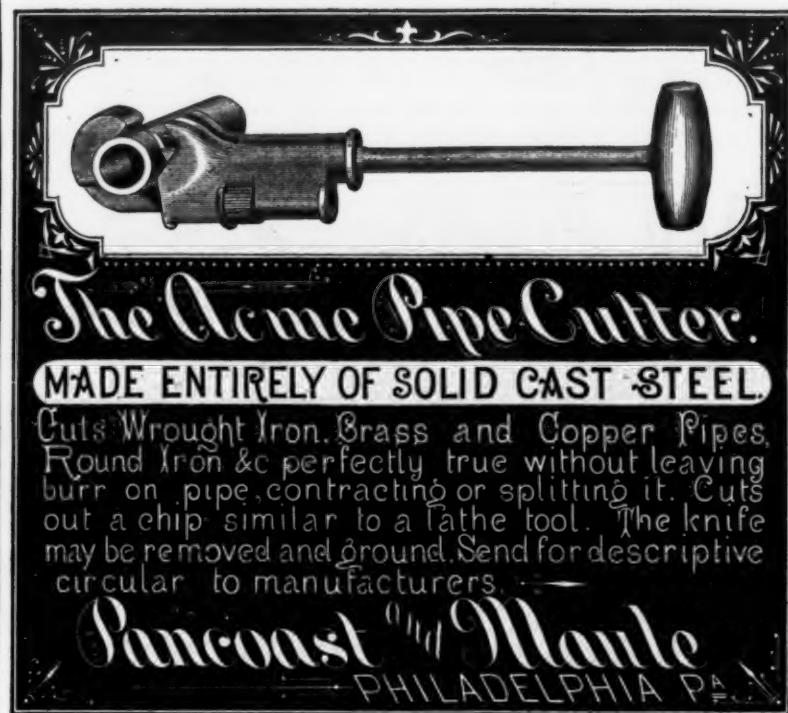
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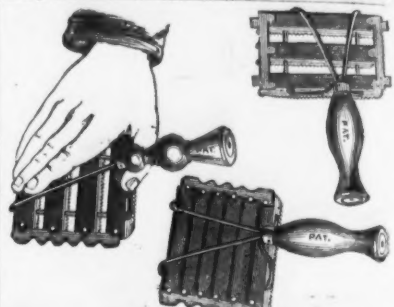
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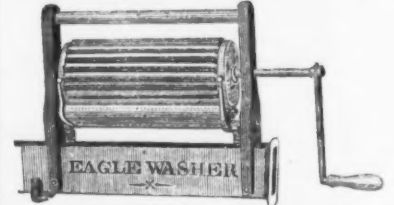
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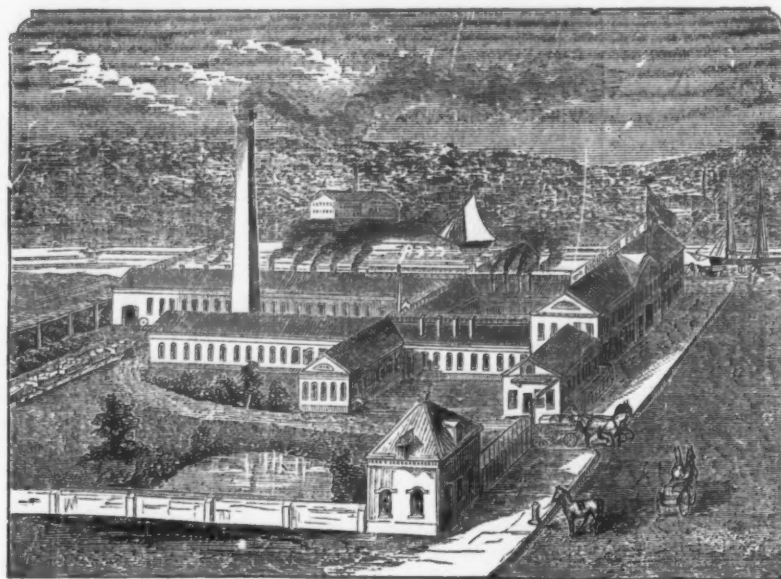
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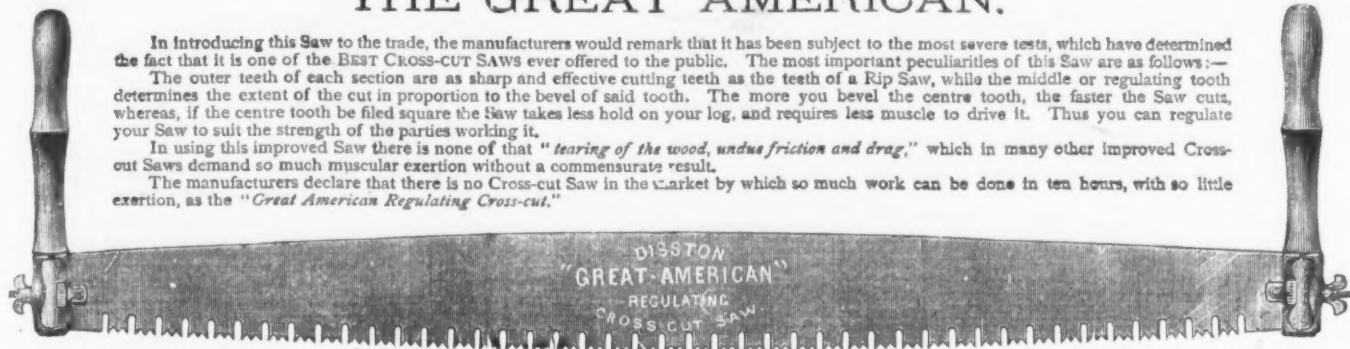
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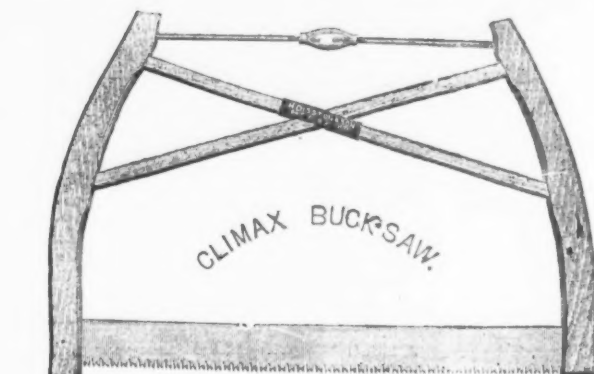
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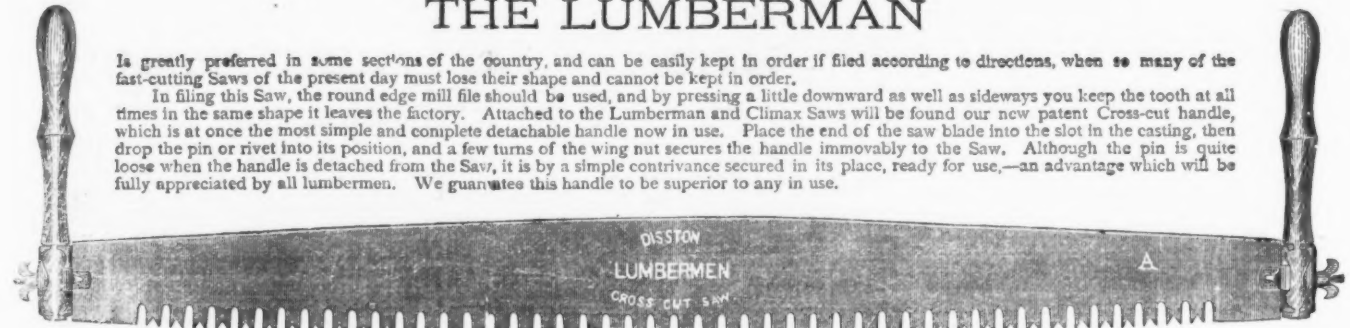
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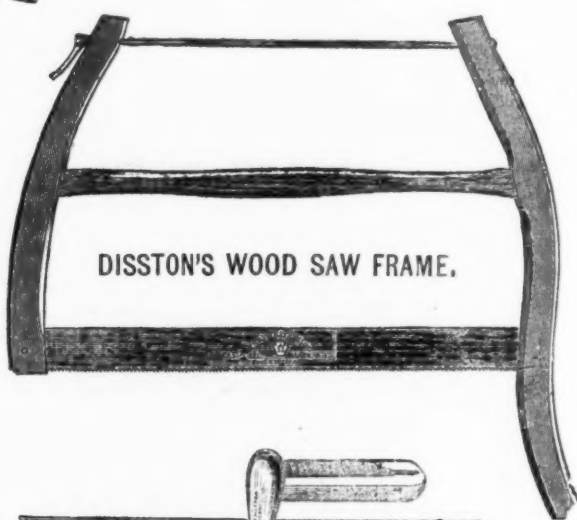
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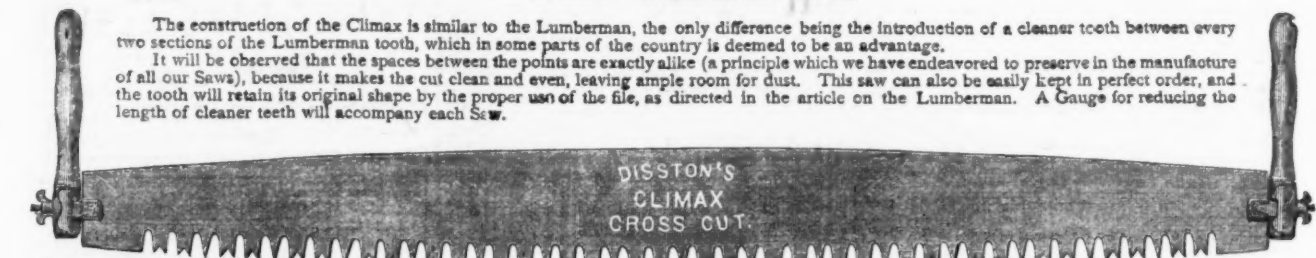


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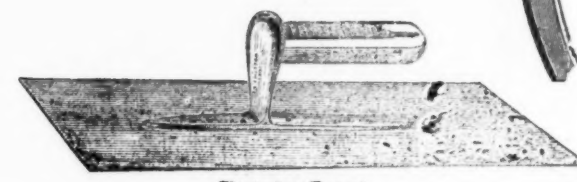


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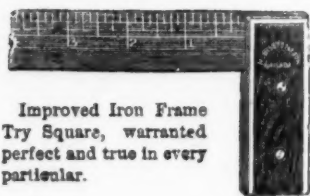
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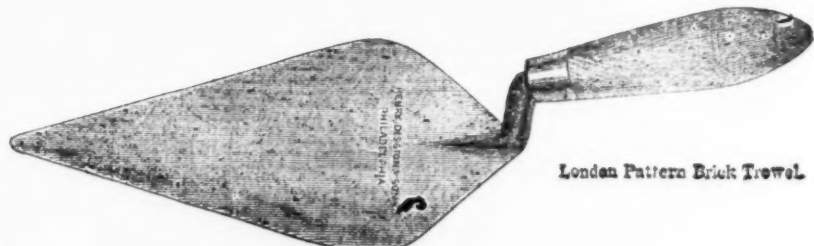
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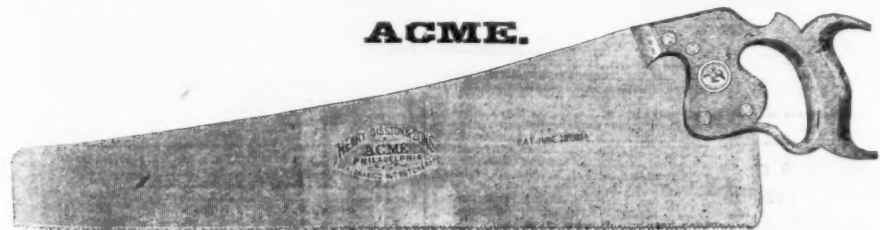


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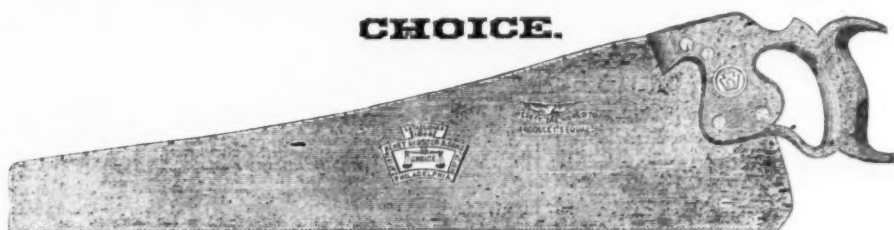


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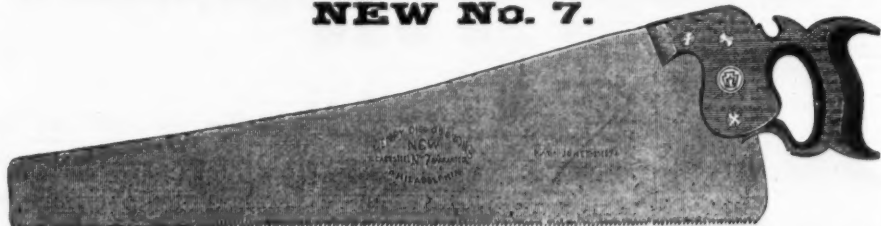


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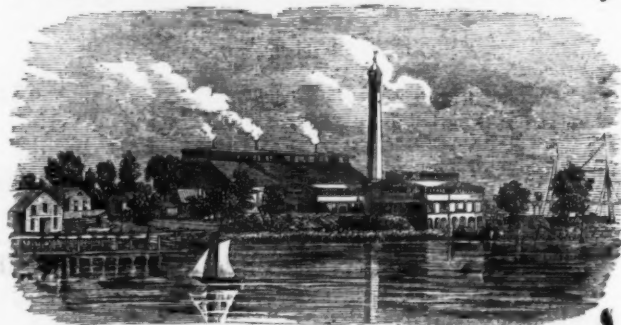
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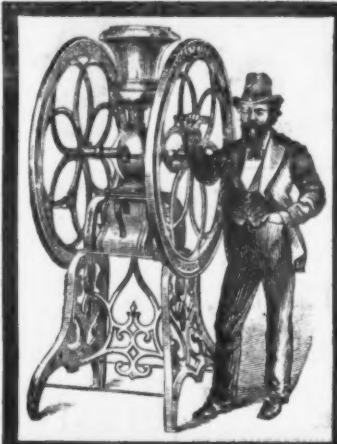
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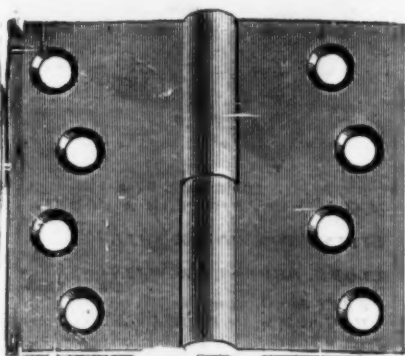
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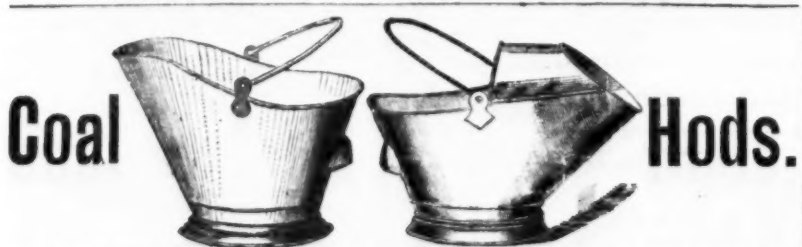
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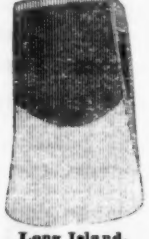
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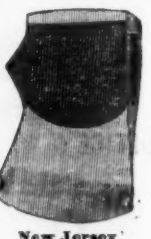
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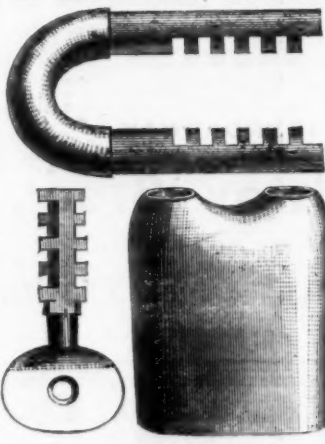
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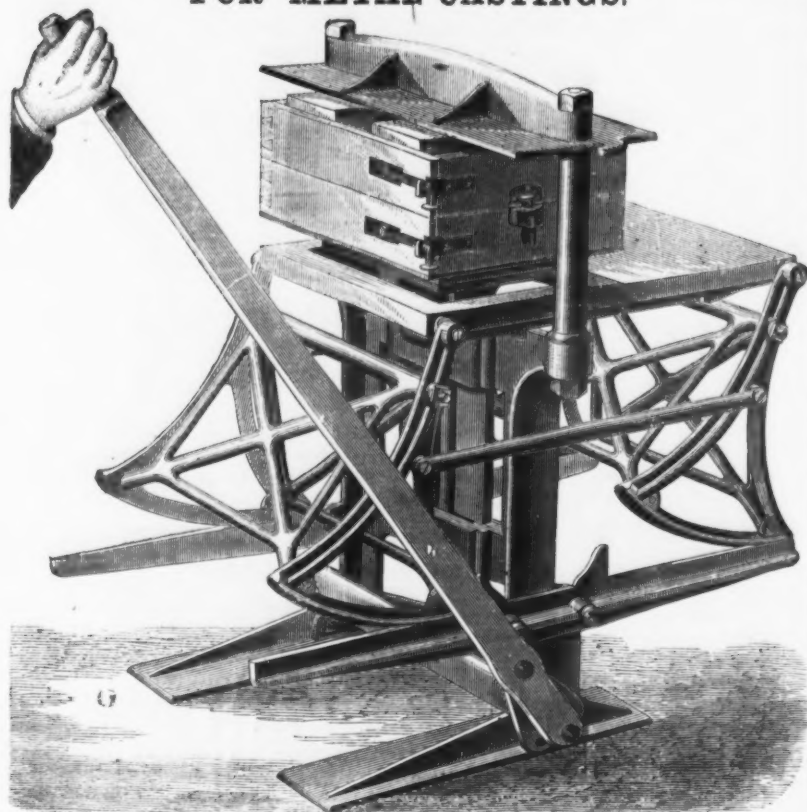
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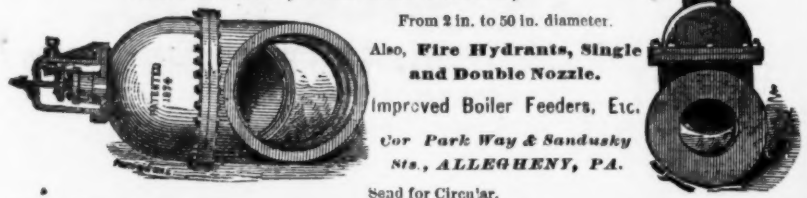
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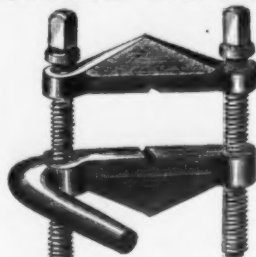
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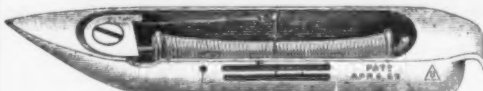
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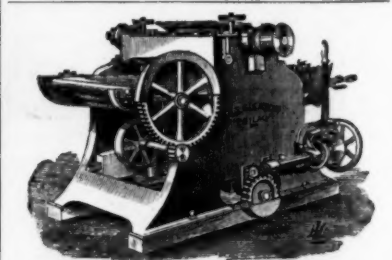
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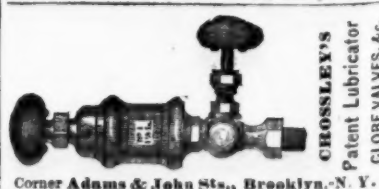
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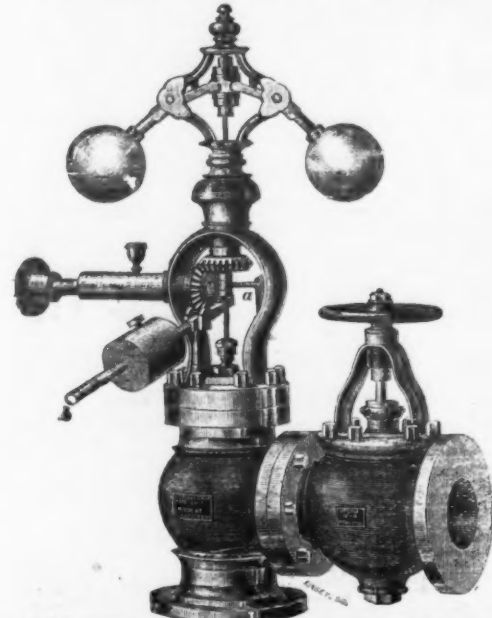
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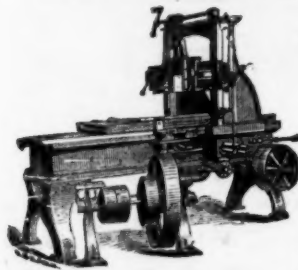
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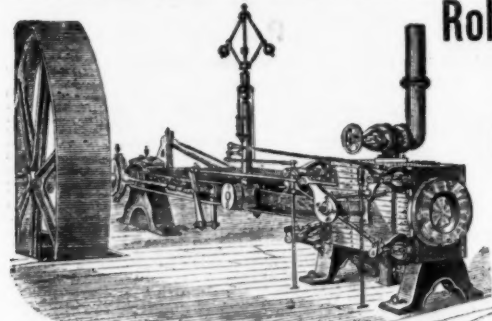
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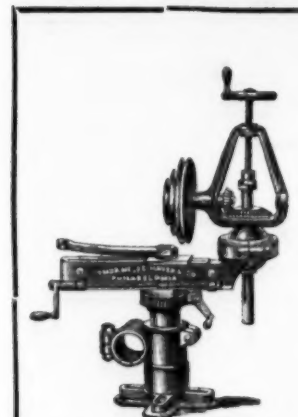
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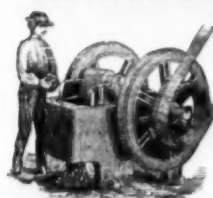
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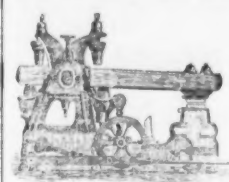
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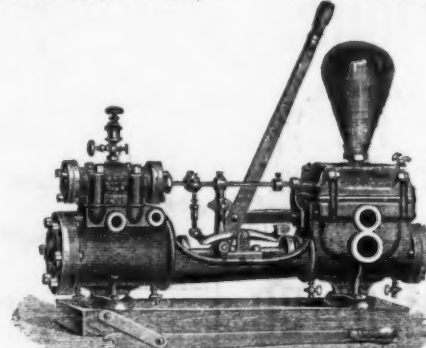
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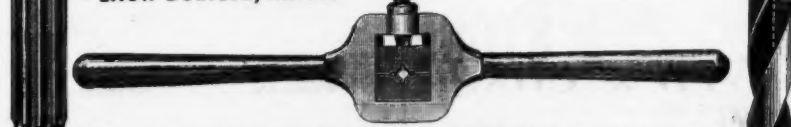
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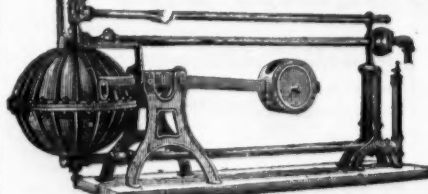
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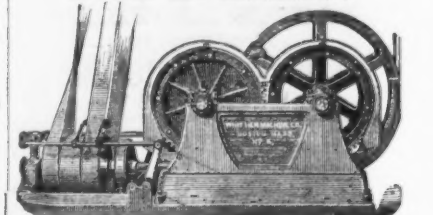
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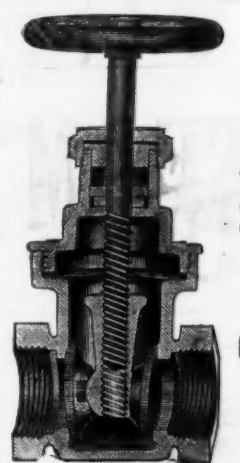


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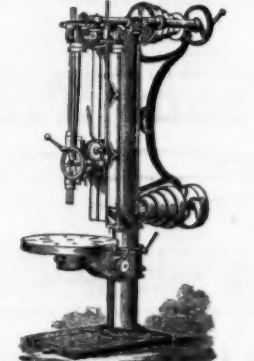
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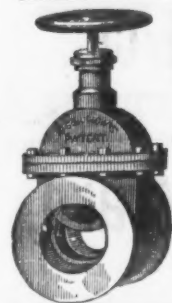
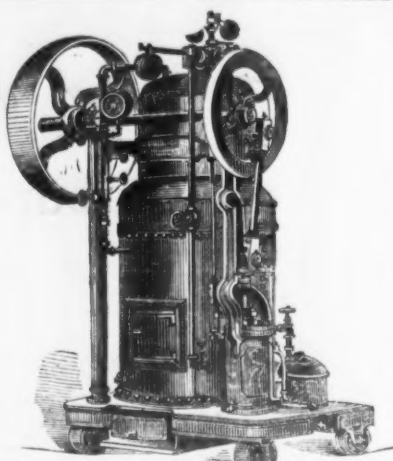
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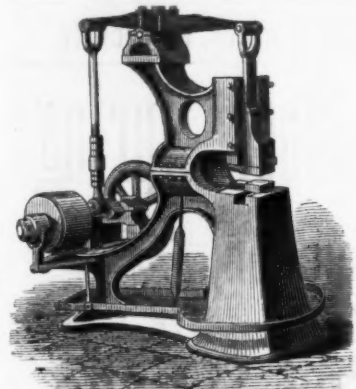
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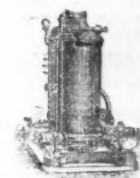
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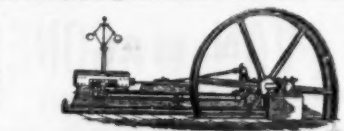
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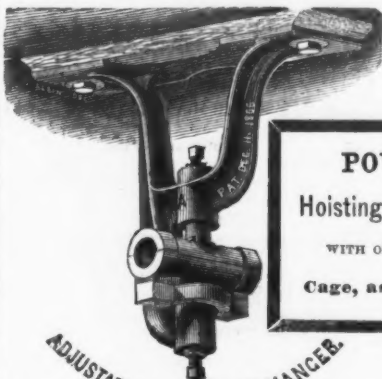
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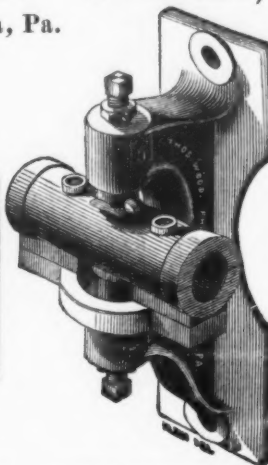
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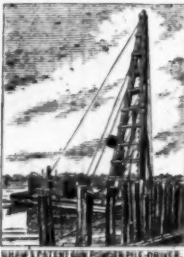
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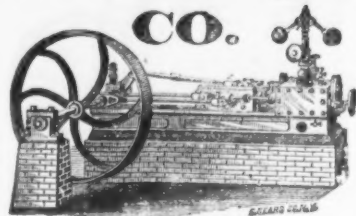


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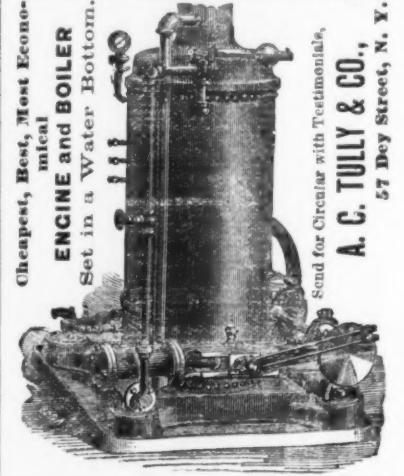
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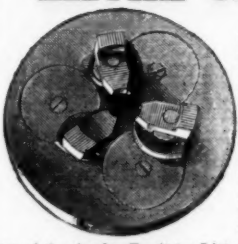
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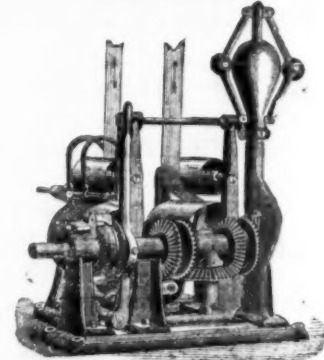
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